IMF loan terms eased and Britain sees early end to its need for credit

Terms of Britain's loan from the International Monetary Fund have been significantly eased according to a new letter of intent published yesterday. The rate of growth in money supply this year, however, has been appreciably understated

because of "misclassification" of certain public sector deposits, the Bank of England has disclosed; while a secret Bank report published in the magazine "Tribune' sees no way of reducing unemployment (Page 19).

Freer hand for Chancellor

The terms of Britain's loan from the International Monetary Fund have been almost eased out of existence for next year and there is now s strong probability that the United Kingdom will choose to end its standby arrangement earlier than planned, possibly

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A new Letter of Intent to the IMF sent by Mr Healey on Wednesday, gives no ceiling at all for Domestic Credit Expanfor next financial year and merely says that the Chancellor expects that Public Borrowing would be around £8,600m in 1977-78. This would leave room for tax cuts of around £1,800m in the

The most important new element in the Letter, which has been agreed with the team of Find officials who recently visited London, and is expected to receive formal approval from the Fund's board in the second week of January, is that the ceiling on Domestic Credit Expansion (DCE) of £7,700m for this year has been extended to take in the first quarter of 1978-79. An estimate of £6,000m for DCE for part was the base of the first quarter of the base of £6,000m for DCE for part was the base of £6,000m. for DCE for next year has been

The effect of this will be to postpone the settling of the key elements of financial policy until after the Chancellor has introduced his soring Budget, thus ensuring that the Budget will be until the budget. will be written with a freer hand than would otherwise be

The Fund will then hold de-tailed consultations in May, during which there may be an

broad-based definition of money

supply, grew by 1 per cent, making the annualized rate of

growth over the first seven-months of the present financial

year 134 per cent.
Although this remains slightly

above the Government's target

May talks could be, however, that the United Kingdom will up its arrangement well e the planned finishing date of January 2, 1979.

By pushing a decision on the details of the final figures off until next year, the Chancellor has been able to keep open the option of escaping IMF restric-tions altogether. The mood in Whitehall and in the Govern-ment is very definitely not to have a period of very rapid expansion on the strength of

this freedom.

The Chancellor has been able the Chancellor has been able to extend this year's DCE limit into 1978-79 because DCE, which represents the amount of new credit being generated within the country, has been well below the agreed limit so far this year, at just under £1_500m.

Even if it grows more rapidly from now on, the Chancellor is likely to have no trouble in meeting all his needs for the remainder of this year and the first quarter of next financial year out of the £5,200m remainyear out of the 20,200m remain-ing. Even if he does not, the new pledge is merely that he "expects" to keep DCE within this figure, with no element of a promise or of a firm ceiling. Indeed, the downgrading of the status of the figures for Public Borrowing and is typical of the changes

various financial targets.

The letter says that growth in the money supply "was forecast" to be between 9 and 13 per cent this year, but carefully refrains from saying that this is still the case. Senior ministers and officials now during which there may be an agreement on a DCE limit for the nest of next year. The most likely, though certainly nor the inevitable, controlled of these shown in recent, weeks that

they are serious about keeping control of the money supply.

The Government promises that it will continue the "counter-inflationary thrust" of its monetary policies.

The letter also contains the by now familiar list of the Government's successes in reducing inflation and bringing back confidence to the finan-cial markets coupled with an admission that output in the economy has been unserisfac-

Credit is given to incomes policy for some of the success and the need for pay restraint to provide the basis for growth in the future is stressed. The Chancellor says that growth of 31 per cent between the second half of 1972 remains pressible. of 1978 remains possible.

The letter also stresses that the Government intends to go on running a surplus on the balance of payments current account in order to finance repayment of debt and export

In a paregraph on the exchange rate drafted to conceal the Government's intentions (in which it succeds admirably) the which it succeds admirable) the Government promises to follow a flexible policy aiming at preserving competitiveness maintaining monetary guidelines and avoiding disruptive fluctuations in the rete. Not all these things can be done at once, and the Government is also promising to look at other policies (most importantly an easing of exchange controls) to see what part they can play.

The letter also promises that Britain will not introduce general import controls and says that the United Kingdom will do its. best: to increase world trade but that its capawill do its best to increase world trade but that its capa-city to do so will depend on

others. Leading article, page 17 Text of letter, page 18 Money growth error corrected

It became clear yesterday that the rate of growth in the money supply so far this year maney supply so far this year money supply statistics, the money supply so far this year money supply statistics, the money supply so far this year money supply statistics, the money supply statistics, the money supply so far this year money supply statistics, the money supply statistics, the money supply so far this year money supply statistics, the money money supply statistics, the rate of growth in sterling M3 so far this year would have been 8] per cent rather than the published 7½ per cent. That would have meant the money supply was rising at an annual-ized rate nearer 15 per cent. Although the authorities now recognize that the error has occurred, they are not too perturbed about it in terms of controlling monetary growth.

have been held in the form of bank deposits.

Although the authorities are coy about revealing more details, they did stress that there was no question of malpractice.

However, had these deposits, probably amounting to about controlling monetary growth. The deposits are expected to be unwound by early January, and the full year outcome for monetary growth is not expected to be any different from the deposits never been had the deposits never been placed in the banking system in the first place. murder charge.-Reuter.



Second - Lieut Kyprianon : Kidnapped by night

Cyprus plea for son of President

Nicosia, Dec 15.—The wife of President Kyprianou of Cyprus made an emotional appeal on radio and television tonight for the release of their 21-year-old kidnapped son, threatened with death unless prisoners were released from jail.

Mrs Mimi Kyprianou, visibly close to breaking down, asked the kidnappers with all the warmth of my mother's heart" to free the young officer, Second Lieutenant Achilleas

Kyprianou.

Referring to 2,000 Greek
Cypriots reported missing since
the Turkish invasion of the
island in 1974, she said: "It is a pity that at a time when we are moving heaven and earth to discover the fate of our missing

discover the fate of our missing people, we should be creating missing people ourselves."

As the 10 pm deadline pessed, no new word had come from the kidnappers and a government spokesman said: "No concrete demands have been put forward so far."

Lieutenant Kyprianou was abducted last night by two men who drove in a stolen taxi to his Army barracks in the footbills of the Troodos mountains and asked to see him at the gate.

Government statement. A Government statement, issued after an emergency meeting of the Cabiner today, said the Iddnappers had made his release conditional on an amnesty for "convicts, persons" on the island. Senior police said this clearly meant jailed and wanted members of Eoka-B, the underground movement which wanted members of Roka-B, the underground movement which aims to link the island in political union with Greece.

Several of its members are now either serving long sentences, awaiting trial or are being hunted by police. The best known is Nicos Samison, who fell from power just after being made President in 1974. However, Mr Sampson issued a statement from his prison

cell this afternoon condemn-ing the kidnapping. I do not want my release through acts of violence or any other actions which violate the laws of our

country", he said. Eoka-B men two weeks ago and civilian installations strung explosions at British military and civilan installations strung out across the south coast of the island. Senior police linked these

Senior police linked these incidents to a pending extradition hearing in London against Kyriacos Kakis, a Greek Cypriot wanted in connexion with an alleged political murder.

In London, three British judges today reserved judgment until tomorrow on whether to return Mr Kakis to face a murder charge.—Reuter.

conference on pact with Labour

The Liberal Party is to meet on January 21 in special assem-bly to consider ending its parliamentary part with the Labour Government, and its own subsequent electoral strategy. The conference site has yet to be agreed, but there is talk of Manchester or Liverpool. Yesterday, all except one of 14 Liberal peers attending a meeting rejected continuation of the pact. That followed Wednesday's seesaw day in which Liberals in the Commons drew

back from ending the pact. back from ending the pact.

Mr. Steel, the party leader, knows the pressures he will be under at the special assembly, but colleagues say he is determined to continue his fight for the pact. If the assembly dissavows him he may be expected to resign the leadership.

The Liberal peers felt that their colleagues in the Commons had made a mistake. They met under the chairmanship of Lord Byers, their chairman, who

Lord Byers, their chairman, who was present at the long and heated meetings of the parliamentary party on Wednesday. He reported on those meetiogs but did not give his own opinion. As he did not defend the continuation of the pact, it must be assumed that he also opposed the views of Commons members.

Lord Banks, vice-chairman of the party's standing committee since 1973, was the most forth-right speaker in favour of breaking the pact and prepar-ing for the next election with-out the handicap of appearing t the handicap of appearing for security. This idea is Continued on page 2, col 5 similar to the proposed

Liberals call | President Sadat and Mr Begin to have second meeting

Tel Aviv. Dec 15

Mr Begin and President Sadat Mr Begin and President Sadar will meet for the second time, somewhere in the Middle East.", within a week or two. An informed source here said today that agreement had been reached on the time and place before the Israeli Prime Minister left for Washington waterday.

Details are being kept secret

Details are being kept secret for security reasons and if they are leaked, the meeting place will be changed. The source said that the United States acred as go-between when arrangements were being made.

Mr Begin is expected to tell President Sadat that Israel is now ready to acknowledge resident sadat that is a reliable to acknowledge Egyptian sovereignly over Sinai, but wants to lease a strip of land along the coast of the Guif of Aqaba through the tip of the peninsula and obtain a base there for the peninsula and obtain a base there for the protection of shipping to and

from Elat. The Israelis also want to keep the north-eastern corner of the peninsula where they have founded a town, Yamit, and a chain of agricultural settlements. The area is seen as a security buffer between the desert and the Gaza strip, where 400,000 Palestinian where 40 Arabs live.

The source said that Mr Begin's proposed solution for the problem of the Palestinian Arabs envisages granting the inhabitants of the West Bank and the Gaza strip home rule while Israel remains responsible

Dayan, the Foreign Minister. Under the proposal, the inhabitants of the areas would be free to choose between Jordanian and Israeli citizenship and the territories would be open to Jews wishing to live there. Mr Begin, who arrived in Washington this evening, is expected to discuss this plan with President Carter tomorrow,

but he will negotiate the future of Sinai directly with President Sadar. Sadat.

Israeli flexibility: Mr Vance, the American Secretary of State, will tell President Carter that Israel is rethinking its hardline attitude over occupation of the West Bank, a senior official on Mr Vance's aircraft said when it made a refuelling stop at Mildenball air base, Suffolk, after Mr Vance's sixuation Middle East tour.

The official said Mr Vance found Israeli leaders showing a

found Israeli leaders showing a new flexibility and taking a fresh look at the West Bank

Mr Vance was flying back to Washington from Saudi Arabia, Our Political Editor writes: Mr Begin will call on Mr Callaghan next Tuesday on the way home from his Washington meeting with President Carter. Mr Callaghan is also in touch with President Sadat. No extraordinary signifi-cance was attached in Whitehall

to next week's meeting, but it was clear there was some satisfaction that Britain was being kept closely informed of Middle East developments.

documents seized

Mr Carter condemns PLO, page 10

Climbers to attempt **Everest with** no oxygen

An attempt will be made next spring to climb Everest without spring to climb Everest without oxygen equipment and by a new direct route. Mr Reinhold Messner, aged 33, from Italy, who is among the world's most formidable mountaineers, and Mr Peter Habler, aged 35, of Austria, will make the attempt as an Austrian expedition climbs the South Col route up the 29.028ft mountain. the 29,028ft mountain.

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Mr Messner has already scaled three peaks of over 24,000ft without a supply of oxygen and with Mr Habler climbed the Eiger north face in the phenomenally short time of 10 hours.

In an interview yesterday he told me of his ambition to reach the summit of the word without artificial aids. "It is not im-

the summit of the word without artificial aids. "It is not important to climb Everest, but it is a much bigger achievement to go up with my own forces and without tricks", he said. "with a helicopter, 100 Sherpas and oxygen I can stay at home and know that with this technique I shall get to the top. The real achievement is without this technique. Man can reach the Moon with technique, but it is a philosophic question to reach the top of Everest without it."

Mr Messner is a lanky, amiable man with a thatch of dark hair and a strong recollection of history. In 1924, he said, Colonel E. F. Norton on the British Everest attempt (when George Mallory and Andrew Irvine were lost) reached 28,126ft without oxygen, wearing little more than stout tweeds and nailed boors.

gen, wearing little more than stout tweeds and nailed boots. Continued on page 2, col 5

Mr Callaghan attacks | Provisional Sinn Fein MP's spy allegations

Parliamentary Correspondent, Westminster

The attempt on Wednesday by Mr Stephen Hastings, Con-servative MP for Bedfordshire-mid to link various leading trade union figures, including Mr Jack Jones and Mr Hugii Scanlon, with communist subversion and the undercover activities of the KGB and the Czechoslovak intelligence services are regardly condemned. vices was roundly condemned in the Commons yesterday by Mr Callaghan.

.: Mr Hastings based his allega-tions ou sections of a much publicized book by Mr Josef Frolik, a Czech defector.

The Conservative leadership declined to support Mr Hastings's allegations, although Mr Pym suggested that there should be an investigation into the assertion that Sir Harold Wilson sent an MIS official to apologize to Mr Frolik after the former Prime Minister had exonerated Mr Stonehouse from spy charges. Mrs Thatcher and Mr Whitelaw, shadow Home Secretary, were both on the Tory front

bench when the matter was raised again yesterday but both remained seated. Mr Hastings has declined to appear on a relevision programme with Mr Heffer, Labour MP for Liver-pool, Walton, to discuss his charges. It was clear yesterday that the Prime Minister had no in-tention of giving weight to Mr

up an inquiry.
Recently Mr Frolik had been embroidering the original story he told when he was debriefed some years ago, Mr Callaghan said.

Mr Callaghan told the House that he was extremely surprised by Mr Hastings's allegations and by the fact that he had been considering the matter for several months.

It was an accepted convention that MPs did not raise such matters across the floor of the House without previous siscus-sion. Mr. Hastings had not approached him although the allegations had been "floating around" since January, 1974, and had been investigated.

After the exchanges, Mr Hastings and Mr Blaker, the other MP who raised the matter on Wednesday, stated that they would pursue the Frolik allegawould pursue the Fronk allega-tions in the Commons. They would demand an answer from the Prime Minister to the two questions that he conspicuously refrained from answering: Does the Government have the Froilk

tapes, and why is the Prime Minister unwilling to set up an independent inquiry? Allegations "silly": Mr Jack Jones yesterday dismissed Mr Hastings's comments as "silly allegations" (the Press Associaanegarous: (the Free Associa-tion reports). He said on the BBC radio programme The World at One that to the best of his knowledge he had never met Mr Frolik. Parliamentary report, page 12

Police and troops in Northern Ireland broke with long accepted tradition early yester-day and launched an intensive security operation against Pro-visional Sinn Fein, the political wing of the Provisional IRA. The controversial move is understood to reflect government determination to end what is regarded as the convenient hypocrisy under which legalized Sim: Fem is permitted to arrange propaganda on behalf of the outlawed IRA.

From Christopher Walker

Although the two wings are theoretically separate there has been a long history of senior members switching between them. At present the vice-president of Sinn Fein is Mr David O'Connell, a previous chief of staff of the Provisional chief of staff of the Provisional

More than 400 policemen and soldiers took part in coordina-ted raids against private houses, offices and a printing works in the provincial town of Lurgan, where an estimated 20,000 copies of the weekly Republican News were seized. The manager and owner of the printers were arrested.

Last night there was anger Last night mere was anger in many republican areas of Belfast when it emerged that at least 17 members of Sinn Fein, including some women, had been arrested. Under Northern Ireland's anti-terrorist least all say he held for up to laws all can be held for up to seven days without charge.

The effects of the operation were clearly visible in the bat-tered building in Falls Road, Belfast, that houses the offices of the Belfast Republican Press Centre and Sino Fein's grandi-osely named International Affairs Bureau, a section that maintains regular contact with extremist groups throughout the world.

According to eyewitnesses, five British Army lorries pulled up outside the building shortly after 2 am. The door was forced and practically the entire con-tents of the building removed in the trucks. Among items seized was a machine used to telex to the media IRA claims of responsibility for incidents. According to Sinn Fein officials, the police also took away books, the police also took away books, pamphlets, posters and detailed lists of the organization's international contacts.

The raids were a deliberate attempt to stiffe an alternative voice", a representative said.

They are directly comparable to the South African Government's attempts to close down the black freedom press." Senior Belfast police sources denied that the raids were an

defined that the raids were an attempt to prevent legitimate political activity. They said the operation should be seen in the context of a continuing investigation into links with criminal activity between the two wings of the Provisional UPA. of the Provisional IRA.

It was disclosed that senior Scotland Yard officers were closely involved in planning the raids.

of no more than 13 per cent growth over the full 12 months, the annualized rate has dropped back from the 144 per cent figure at the six-month stage. The Bank of England dis-Move to get high-flyers into industry

Education Correspondent The Government has asked five polytechnics to set up special five-year degree courses in manufacturing for highflyers in an attempt to bring British industrialists up to the standards of their elite Euro-

By Diana Geddes

pean counterparts. Letters have been sent by the Department of Education and Science to the North East London, Harrield, Lauchester, Portsmouth, and Sheffield polytechnics asking them to consider developing courses "of very high quality with a pronounced orientation to manufacturing industry."

The Government hopes that the courses will be ready to start in 1979. Students would the eligible for the Government's new industrial scholarship scheme, due to begin next year, under which those of exceptional shility will be awarded scholarship helf paid awarded scholarships, half paid by the Government and half by the sponsoring company, in addition to their normal studenr's grant.

The Government's reply last September to the third report of the Commons Select Committee on Science and Technology emphasized that a better supply of well qualified and well motivated scientists, engineers and technologists
Was essential

The main difficulty was how to attract more students of higher ability and motivation into engineering courses, the letter says. The new financial incentives should help, but the courses would have to set new objectives for bright pupils. While the main component of such a course would be ngmeering studies to honours orporate carefully incorporate

incor such as business studies. gement and possibly modern kanguage.

Firemen will seek to win a better offer

Precisely how this happened is not clear and, adding to the

mystery, it appears that the authorities would not normally

have expected this money to have been held in the form of

Leaders of the Fire Brigades Union are seeking to improve the timetable attached to the local authorities' pay formula. At a meeting on Monday they are expected to press the employers for a bigger slice of a two-stage cash award next year. The meeting offers the first real hope of a settlement since the strike began. Page 2

Jobs laws scrapped

Half of South Africa's job reservation laws which stop blacks having certain white occupations are being scrapped. But the ludicrous situation whereby blacks employed illegally as bricklayers have to use garden trowels and housebuyers purchase properties with either an undercoat or a top coar but not both, will remain since job reservation stays in that industry

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Mines minister sacked President Ceausescu dismissed his Minister

of Mining, four months after a strike by 35,000 Jiu valley coalminers. Strikes are illegal in Romania. No reason has been given for the minister's dismissal. To end the August strike. President Ceauseson was forced to announce a pay rise, higher pensions, better working conditions and Page 10 moroved food supplies

Heat stays on dollar

A series of measures by the West German Government aimed at holding down the soaring Deutsche mark against the dollar was given a cool reception on the foreign exchange markets. Sales of dollars resumed soon after the Bonn announcement and the American currency after many fluctuations, closed little changed on Wednesday's record low Page 19

MP wins his appeal

Mr Fergus Montgomery, Conservative MP for Altrincham and Sale, won his appeal against a conviction for stealing two books worth £8.90. The judge at Inner London Crown Court Appeals Committee said the committee was not satisfied that at the time Mr Montgomery took the books he was dishonestly motivated Page 2



Leaving Leyland: Mr Alex Park, former chief executive of British Leyland, is leaving the state-controlled motor group early next year because he is unable to work within the new framework since the group was reorganized. Six weeks ago Mr Michael Edwardes was brought in as executive chairman and Mr Park, 51, was effectively dernoted to executive vice-chairman. Mr David Andrews, at present managing director of Leyland Inter-national, will take his place Page 19

New Dutch Cabinet

Mr Andreas van Agt formed a centre-right Government last night, breaking Holland's 204-day political crisis. The new Christian Democratic-Liberal coalition commands a slender majority in Parliament. It will be sworn in on Monday Page 8 Page 8

Riot holds up Test

Rioring interrupted for 45 minutes the first Test match between Pakistan and England in Lahore. The trouble started when a spectator, who had run on to the field to congratulate a batsman on 99, was in a scuffle with the police Page 26 Fourth appeal: The cases of two men convicted in 1970 of murder are to come before the Court of Appeal for the fourth

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Concorde Singapore flight in doubt

With Indonesian and Malaysian airspace closed to Concorde, today's flight from London to Singapore is in serious doubt. Efforts to find a solution were continuing in Kuala Lumpur last night in talks between the British High Commissioner and a Malaysian minister. Today's service will in any event operate as far as Bahrain Page 10

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5 pc award upsets state board chiefs By Malcolm Brown

and Peter Hill

Mr Callaghan caused fury among nationalized industry chiefs last night with the announcement of a 5 per cent pay award to them.

State industry board members earning more than £13,000 are to get the 5 per cent increase from January 1, 1978. Those paid less may get up to 10 per cent. The Prime Minister said in the Commons that the lower percentage applied to salaries above £13,000.

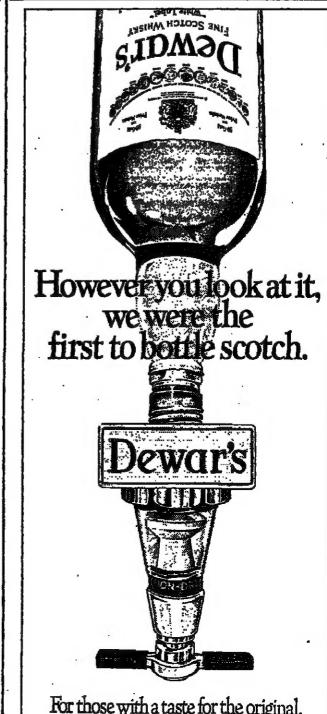
The decision was imme-diately condemned as " an incredible neglect of public duty by Mr Denis Dodds, chairman of the Association of Members of State Industry Boards. The association represents more than 80 per cent of the full-time directors of the British Airports Authority, British Airways, Cable & Wireless, the electricity boards, British Gas, the National Coal Board and the Post Office.

Sir Denis Rooke, chairman of the British Gas Corporation, who heads the Nationalized In-dustries Chairmen's Group, said he was bitterly disappoint-

The salaries of state industry board members have remained substantially unaltered since 1972, despite the recommenda-tions of the Boyle Committee on Top Salaries in 1974. Mr Callaghan said yesterday

that the recommendations of the top salary review body were for increases of the order of 30 per cent on average, and individuals. The salaries of this group were at present significantly out of line with their counterparts elsewhere, he conceded.

He promised that the Government would look again at the situation when the top salaries review body made its next recommendations in



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man should regard the creeds

Firemen will concentrate efforts on winning concessions over phasing of employers' pay plan

By Donald Macintyre Labour Reporter

Leaders of the Fire Brigades Union will press at negotiations on Monday for an improvement in the timetable attached to the local authorities' pay formula week in november, 15/0, and fill a week 12 months later. So far the Government's guarantee that the formula for firemen.

The meeting was arranged yesterday after informal talks between Mr Terence Parry, general secretary of the FBU, and Mr Brian Rusbridge, secretary of the employers side of tary of the employers' side of the National Joint Council for the Fire Service.

The union is expected to concentrate on trying to persuade the employers to modify their in two stages, November, 1978, and November, 1979.

Although the FBU remains committed to seeking more than 10 per cent from last month, its best chance of progress appears to rest with winning a bigger slice of the cash available next year.

up by the employers and not period last year (a Staff Repor-

Whooping cough vaccine 'almost run out'

There is a shortage of whooping cough vaccine the Depart-ment of Health and Social Security said yesterday, as an epidemic of the disease

Supplies had "virtually run out" because of the rush by parents to get children protected. Many parents had rejected the whooping cough element in the triple vaccine, which includes protection which includes protection ogainst diphtheria and tetanus, when their children were younger, after fears of possible

"They are now waking up to the fact that their children are not protected", the department

said.

There was plenty of triple vaccine, but not of whooping cough vaccine on its own. However a batch of 30,000 doses is today and should be available next week. A further 60,000 doses should be availyable shortly.

The vaccine shortage has come as the number of cases has exceeded 1,000 a week. The highest number in a week during the 1974-75 outbreak was about 550.

In the week ended December 9 the total was 1,200, the highest since the 1963-64 outbreak, when 1,300 cases in a week were Wednesday provided for a Peter Darby, chief officer of staging that would give fire the London Fire Brigade, men average earnings of £89 a praised public vigilance, but week in November, 1978, and said a disaster might occur if a

would be protected applies only to that phasing plan. Informal consultations by both sides with the Home Office are expected over the weekend.

The fact that Monday's meeting is taking place at all, when there is no indication whatever of more than 10 per cent as an immediate increase, offers the first real ray of hope of began over four weeks ago. Support from railmen: Train drivers' leaders yesterday voted unanmously to give the striking firemen £1,000 more from their union funds and criticized the Cabinet for "inflexibility" over the 10 per cent pay guideline. Fewer fires: The number of fires in the London area has fires in the London erea has fallen since the firemen's strike started five weeks ago to less than half that in a similar

settlement was not reached

press conference called to deny reports that senior officers had cashed in on the strike and were earning large amounts in overtime and allowoperational senior officers a penny more than their salary". He said he hoped that the strike would be over before Christmas, which was a high-risk time. The number of fires in London during the strike had dropped greatly, but deaths from fires had been

about average. about average.

In the first four weeks of the strike, which started on November 14, there had been 4,212 calls referred through the police. As a result 1,049 fires were attended by fire-fighting soldiers and 12 people bad died in those outbreaks.

roof and wattle-and-daub walls, as our ancestors did in 300 BC.

Family of five come back from the Iron Age more than a thousand volun-teers to take part in the pro-ject, which is to be the subject of a BBC television series.

The of a BBC television series.

Only three concessions to modern life have been allowed to the primitives as they till the soil, tend their animals and trap game, isolated from the rest of humanity. They are contraception, education for the children from three teacher volunteers, and modern medical advice and help.

The remaining volunteers continue to live in a large, round house with a thatched roof and wattle-and-daub walls. stepped twentieth century yesterday after spending nice months emulating the life of Iron Age man in a warrie and mud settlement in the West Country.

Peter and Linda Amsworth and their children, Peter, aged seven, Nicholas, five, and Robiu, three, were to have spent 12 months in the settlement with 10 other volunteers but were forced to abandon the project three months early when Nicholas became ill.

The 15 were selected from

Lecturers to

drop 30pc

which discussed how modern man should regard the creeds and the scriptures. The new commission has been asked by the Archbishops of Canterbury and of York to engage in basic theological thinking; to service the bishops of the Church of England particularly by showing how the insights of theological study can be communicated at the popular level; to deal at the theological level with the beliefs of other churches, especially churches in the Anglican Communion; and to feed in "the insights of secular thought" to the church's study of theology. The new chairman is the Bishop of Winchester, Dr John Taylor. Other members are Cason J. A. Baker, the Rev John Barton, Professor John Bowker, Canon John Drury, Canon R. J. Halliburton, the Rev Anthony Harvey, Canon David Jenkins, Mr J. R. Lucas, Canon John McManners, the Rev Robin Nixon, the Rev Anthony Thiselton, and the Bishop of Ripon, the Right Rev David Young. Plea for order against miners' leaders rejected

pay claim University teachers are to withdraw their 30 per cent claim, the executive of the Association of University Teachers announced yesterday. The association, which has 29,000 members, will ask for a 10 per cent salary increase from October 1 this year towards rectifying the anomaly of salaries falling behind those of teachers in further education.

A move by Yorkshire, Kent, secretary, and the NUM execu-nd South Wales miners to stop tive and the south Derbyshire. and South Wales miners to stop the introduction of local pit productivity schemes failed in the High Court yesterday. After a private hearing, Mr Justice Jupp dismissed an appli-cation for a temporary order against Mr Joseph Gormley, President of the National Union of Mineworkers, Mr Lawrence Daly, the general

area of the NUM.

The judge ordered a full bearing of the case in open bearing of the case in open court next Tuesday.

The Yorkshire, Kent and South Wales areas had sought temporary injunctions to prevent the NUM from implementing the executive's decision last week to allow area incentive schemes.



Mr Reinhold Messuer: "It is necessary to move quickly to reach the top."

Weather is crucial for climb

Continued from page 1 Mr Messner and his partner will have the benefit of modern down-filled clothing, triple-thickness boots, a final assault tent weighing only one kilo and an ultra-lightweight rope.

"It is necessary to move quickly", he said. "Three days is the most we can expect to reach the top. After that the body deteriorates too quickly."

quickly."

The tactics will be critical. If the unclimbed villar of rock along the edge of the southwest face is impassable they will attempt the Bonngton route, "the hard way" up Everest, climbed in 1973. If that has no accommodating thickness of snow and ice on

"gasless" ascent of the longer South Col route. Everything, Mr Messner said, would depend on the weather. The expedition is being sponsored by HTV Ltd and the climbers will be augmented by Mr Eric Jones, a leading Welsh mountaineer, and Mr Leo Dickinson, expedition photographer. Mr Messner yesterday put the chance of success as even.

In 1924 Colonel Norton had in 1924 Colone: Norton had insisted there was nothing in the atmospheric conditions between 28,000 and 29,000ft to prevent a fresh and fit party from reaching the top without oxygen equipment. Mr Messner

agrees with him.

"The psychological approach is most important", he said.
"I know that I have climbed Nanga Parbat, the hidden peak, and Manaslu without great distress. On three other 8,000-metre peaks we turned back. It is not intelligent to go on when everything is bad.

attempt the summit with oxygen, simply because he would not be carrying any.

Soon Mr Messner will begin a training ritual of climbing at least 3,000ft every day at speed. There will be high-altitude train-

Everest in an unpressurized aircraft without an oxygen mask. Everest will provide him with ample material for another talent. He is a prolific author, having written 10 books on his

"In alpinism now it is the

"If I reach only a few hundred feet from the top of Everest and cannot go on, I shall turn back. I shall know it is not possible for me and that will be proved." He would not

crime.

Mr Hurn was recently interviewed by Det Chief Supt Roy Ranson, who submitted a report to the Home Secretary.

The two men, together with Patrick Murphy, were convicted in March, 1970. Their application for leave to appeal was refused by the Court of Apneal ing in Africa, after which he expects his pulse rate to drop tion was quashed, and as a result the Home Secretary at the time, Mr Jenkins, referred the case of the other two to the Court of Appeal. The main Twice last year he flew over

ideal to use fewer aids and the ultimate is to climb Everest without oxygen, he said. Colonel Norton would doubtless heartily approve.

Liberals call special conference on pact

to be linked with sociolist to be intent with socialist policies.

Lord Beaumont of Whitley, a former chairman and president of the party, thought the party was right to go for the part at the time it did; the pound was in danger, everything was in a state of flux, and a general election last March might have led to chaos. led to chaos. Conditions had improved, and

in six months or a year, perhaps sooner, the country and the party would face a general elec-

Lord Banks, disagreeing with the line taken by the Liberal MPs, reckoned that the propor-tional representation issue, even though it related to the Euro-pean Assembly and not United

over theft

conviction

books worth £8.90.

Mr Montgomery, a former parliamentary secretary to Mrs Thatcher, appealed against his conviction in September and

his fine of £50 with £70 costs. He said he had been taking sleeping and slimming tablets and on the night before the alleged theft had drunk three

or four whiskies.

Judge West-Russell, allowing the appeal, said the committee was not satisfied that at the time Mr Montgomery took the books he was dishonestly motivated.

wated.

Mr Philip Singer, for the police, said Mr Montgomery, aged 50, a company director, of Curdy Street, Westminster, put a biography by Lord Selwyn-Lloyd and Spend, Spend Spend by Viv Richardson, a football pools winner, into a zip bag while shopping in the Army and Navy Stores, Victoria Street; he paid for a third book.

Later, at Rochester Row

Later, at Rochester Row police station, Mr Montgomery had said: "It is all true" after a store detective had described the theft.

Examination of

Islington finance

Kingdom politics, provided a stress at the time of the Liberal distinct Liberal issue on which special assembly and so give to make a stand. The other two an easily understood reason for to make a stand. The during two parties were not interested in fair representation and it would be a good point to make with electors that only stronger Liberal representation would bring sure progress towards a better system.

The peer who disagreed. Lord Simon, said that since no clear promise was written into the pact about proportional representation and as everyone knew what was going to happen in the Commons vote, he could not understand why the MPs were making such a fuss about the

special assembly and so give an easily understood reason for rupture. The pact has always stood for fighting inflation, and if that collapsed the Liberals would have an easy exit.

In government circles unruf-fled celm is affected. It is sug-gested that Mr Steel put no time limit on continuing the pact when he saw Mr Callagham for the third time on Wednes-day night, so the government assumption is business as usual. But Mr Callaghan will doubtless have made his calculations.

understand why the MPs were.

making such a fuss about the result.

Some Liberal MPs believe that the Government's pay policy will be under serious the considered later.

The resolution to go before the special assembly will be drafted next week by the party's standing committee, its highest policy will be under serious be considered later.

Parents' choice not meeting

Court will

consider

case for a

fifth time

The cases of Michael Mc-

Mahon and David Cooper, con-

victed in 1970 of the murder of

a Luton sub-posteraster, are to

come before the Court of Appeal

for an unprecedented fifth

Mr John, Minister of State, Home Office, said in the Com-

mons yesterday that the refer-

mons yesterday that the reference to the court by the Home Secretary under the Criminal Appeal Act, 1968, did not necessarily indicate that Mr Rees believed the men were wrongly convicted. The court would merely be asked to rule on the acceptability of new evidence not oreviously before

evidence not previously before

The evidence is that of Mr Richard Hurn, who has told the police that he saw Mr McMahon in London on the day

in 1969 when the Luton murder

took place, at a time that would have made it impossible for

him to have committed the

refused by the Court of Appeal in 1971.

point at issue was whether the

main prosecution witness,
Alfred Matthews, who had
named Mr Murphy, Mr Cooper
and Mr McMahon as the people

with him on the Luton raid, could be believed about the

other two if he was wrong about Mr Murphy. The court

dismissed their appeal.
In 1976, after new alibi evi-

dence, the Home Secretary again referred the case to the

again referred the case to the court. It heard the evidence of Mr Matthews, and, although accepting that he was a liar, decided that his evidence that Mr Cooper and Mr McMahon had been on the Luton raid was reliable. That decided the court of the court

reliable. That decision was cri-ticized in a leading article in

The Times.
Parliamentary report, page 12

In 1973 Mr Murphy's convic-

Mr Dudley Fiske, chief educa-tion officer for Manchester, said yesterday that the city's experience suggested that an urban system of comprehensive schools based on parental choice was not meeting children's

needs of pupils '

Perhaps the time had come to think and talk more of children's needs than parents' rights, Mr Fiske said in a document submitted as part of the Government's two-day national conference on comprehensive schools, which opens in York

On the subject of school choice, he said less articulate or competent parents allowed their children to attend less

their children to attend less popular schools. Others were prepared to keep them our to get their way.

Much was heard of parental rights and choice, but "the evidence in Manchester of children whose doctors submit certificates that speak of sleeplessness and worse is disturbing. It is in some ways reminiscent of the days of the 11-phus."

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MP wins appeal | Tate Gallery appeal to buy Stubbs pictures succeeds By Our Arts Reporter Miss Glenda Jackson, With 10 days to spare, the

Fergus Montgomery, Conser-vative MP for Altrincham and Tate Gallery has succeeded in Sele, yesterday won an appeal its £140,000 appeal to save for at Inner London Crown Court the nation the two pictures by George Stubbs, "Haymakers" and "Reapers". Appeals Committee against his conviction for stealing two

The news was announced yes-terday by Lord Bullock, chair-man of the gallery's trustees, at a draw of winning tickets for the two lotteries that have helped the Tate to reach its target towards the purchase price of £774,000.

After the draw, conducted, by

After the draw, conducted by

actress, Sir Norman Reid, director of the gallery, said: "What is needed now is for the Government to have a real-policy for acquiring works of art that are under threat in Great Britsin."

The winning lottery numbers

Weather forecast and recordings

Mr Montgomery said that at the time he was very tired because of parliamentary work. 3.52 pm

11.23 pm First quarter: Tomorrow. Lighting up: 4.22 pm to 7.31 am. High water: London Bridge, 5.32 am, 7m (23ft); 6.5 pm, 7m (23.1ft). Avoumouth, 11.17 am, 12.2m (40.1ft); 11.40 pm, 11.7m (38.3ft). Dover, 2.42 am, 6.5m (21.5ft); 3.17 pm, 6.2m (20.2ft). Hull, 10.16 am, 6.9m (22.5ft); 10.19 pm, 6.9m (22.8ft). Liver-pool, 3.4 am, 8.6m (28.3ft); 3.25-pm, 8.9m (29.1ft). Islington council has appointed Coopers and Lybrand Associates, City management consultants, to undertake an independent examination of its inance department. The council decided on an investigation by outside con-sultants after the director of finance had given a warning of shortfalls of up to £2,068,000 in pool, 3.4 am, 8.6m pm, 8.9m (29.1ft). the accounts and the district auditor reported "defects and weaknesses" in the financial Pressure will remain high, with an anticyclone moving slowly over the low counties, while weak troughs of low pressure cross N Scotland.

New BBC radio chief The BBC last night named Mr Aubrey Singer, controller of BBC2 Television, as the new managing director of BBC radio. He will succeed Mr Howard Newby, who retires

IRA gang jailed

control system.

Nine IRA men who took part in a raid and siege on a Dublin supermarket less than three weeks ago were jailed by the Special Criminal Court in Dublin yesterday for periods ranging from eight to 12 years.

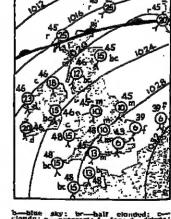
Borders, Edinburgh and Dundee, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, Argyll, N Ireland: Dry, early mist, bright or sunny intervals; wind S. moderate: max temp 8 to 9°C (46° to 48°F). NE and NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Occasional rain or drizzle, rather cloudy; wind SW, moderate or fresh; max temp 7°C (45°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Sun-Sca passages: S North Sea. Strait of Dover, English Channel (E): Wind S, moderate, sca

St George's Channel, Irish Sea: Wind S, moderate or fresh; sea slight or moderate.

London, SE, E and Central England, East Anglia, Midlends: Dry, early fog, bright or sunny spells; wind variable, light; max temp 8" to 9"C (46" to 48"F). Channel Islands, SW, NW and NE England, Wales, Lake District, Isle of Man: Dry, early fog, bright or sunny spells; wind S, 30-day forecast The Meteorological Office yesterday issued the following forecast for the next 30 days: Alternating periods of mild weather with malthy W winds and cold weather with E winds are

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud:



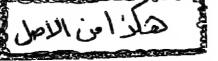
whole, mean temp and total rainfall are expected to be below average over East Anglia, SE and Central S England, and near average in remaining districts. The age in remaining districts. The frequency of fog and frost is expected to be above average in SE and E England and near average elsewhere. Gales are likely to be less frequent than usual, but snow will probably occur with near average frequency.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max. 6 am to 6 pm. 11°C (52°F); min, 6 pm to 6 am, 6°C (43°F). Humidity, 6 pm, 68 per cent. Rain, 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun, 24hr to 8 pm, 0.8hr. Bar. mean sea level, 6 pm, 1.034.5 millibars, steady.

1,000 millibars = 29.53in.





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Not Brahms' Second after all.
Schoenberg.
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Unions disagree over proposal to split Post Office in two

By Christopher Thomas Labour Reporter

The two main Post Office winons have presented sharply differing views to the Government over whether the Post Office should be divided into separate businesses.

The Department of Industry will produce a White Paper early next year arising from the Carter inquiry into the structure and services of the Post Office. The Post Office Engineering Union supports the Carter proposals to separate the postal and telecommunications sides. The Union of Post Office Workers is firmly against the

The former's 125,000 mem-bers, most of them skilled or semiskilled, are employed almost entirely on the tele-communication side, which is highly profitable and is adapting rapidly to meet advances in technology.

Post Office Workers' member-ship of 170,000 is concentrated, suffers in consequence. The expansion of telecommunications always leads to a decline

in letter sending.
The Post Office Engineering Union, in evidence recently submitted to Mr Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, says the data-processing business should be incorporated into the telecommunication business. There was probably scope for merging the Giro and national savings departments and the office of the Paymaster General to form a new state

bank.
The Union of Post Office Workers says that the argument that two sides of a business are

Christmas posting: Last posting dates recommended for Christmas are: parcels, December 17 at the latest; second-class let-But the labour-intensive first-class items no later than postal side where the Union of December 20.

Christmas strike call

A call for a national strike among power station workers, from 10 pm on Christmas Eve until 10 pm on New Year's Day, will be made at a meeting of the unofficial national light show steamytes committee. joint shop stewards' committee at Doncaster comorrow. It will come from South Wales shop stewards who say that power workers resumed normal working after their dispute in November on the understanding that the men 'involved would receive normal pay for the periods when they were working to rule. working to rule.

action during the period suggested would have a great impact at Christmas. The whole of industry will have closed and demand will be low.

The Central Electricity Generating Board is treating the claims for pay on an individual basis and so far nobody has received the money. nobody has received the money demanded. A representative said: "The position is quite clear. If the men worked

clear. If the men worked according to their egreement they were paid. If they did not they were not paid."

Last mooth's dispute was over travel expenses, concessionary fuel and shift allow-ances.

148,000 new iobs could go to Wales. TUC says

From Tim Jones

Unemployment could be greatly reduced in Wales within the next 10 years with the creation of 148,000 jobs if the Government could restructure the supply of labour while proposing economic expensions. promoting economic expansion, the Wales TUC says in a paper

published foday.

The report, published in response to a call from the Manpower to a can from the man-power Services Commission for a national debate on unemploy-ment, suggests that urgent steps should be taken in the next two years to introduce early retirement and to give workers the right of an extended leave period every tenth year

Those two measures alone, the Wales TUC says, would create 48,000 jobs in the principality. Older workers, the report states, should be given the last three years of contract the last three years of contract. the option to work balf-time for the last three years of service, so that one full-time young-worker could be employed.

Another 40,000 jobs could be created if workers were given; as of right up to two years' paid educational leave "to help-maintain and improve the balance between work andleisure ".

Progressive control and elimination of systematic over-time working in industry in Wales would create the equiva-lent of another 14,000 jobs.

The report says: "Subject to

real income security and the control of overtime, we cal-culate that the implementation of a basic 35-hour week through

of a basic 35-nour week inrongo industry would create up to 35,000 jobs in Wales."

Another 11,000 jobs could be created, it says, by extending the youth opportunities programme to provide up to three cases. years' continuous work experi-ence to young unemployed people in the 16-19 age groups.



Sarah Lady Audley (left) and Lady Soames after the funeral service yesterday for their mother, Lady Spencer-Churchill, at Holy Trinity Church, Brompton, London.

Man in the news: Mr Leonard Williams

Voice of the building societies

Thirty years ago Leonard Williams took out a £1,600 mortgage on his first house. "I was damned lucky to get that much, because I was earning only £400 a year, and meeting the monthly payments was a real struggle."

Today, as chief general mana-ger of Britain's third largest building society, the Nationwide, he is, as he outs it, "earning a bit more than that" But he scorns the idea that home ownership is becoming an increasing financial durden, or

that house purchase is more difficult for first-time buyers. "There was a time a couple of years ago when because of inflation, house prices did get a bit out of line with incomes", he said. "But our studies have shown that at present repay-ments take just about the same proportion of average income a

in 1969."

As deputy chairman of the Building Societies Association, the unbane Mr Williams has become probably the best known and most widely quoted spokesmen for the movement. Although he was trained as an accountant, his conversation discloses an interest in and familiarity with broad social issues.

issues. Moch of that knowledge will evident today when dresses a conference Loudon, organized by the asso-cation, on the recent housing policy review. Assorber confer-ence speaker will be Mr Shore, Secretary of State for the En-

Mr Williams's theme will be relations between building societies and local sutherities.



more liberal.

At present, he feels, they are heading for a collision, which can be averted only by greater understanding and consultation. In the past, councils have taken a "blinkered" view, he argues, concentrating almost exclusively on the provision of public sector housing. As a result, there is in some areas too much council housing.

Elsewhere people who could and would like to own their own homes are occupying accommodation that might otherwise house people from the waiting list.

the waiting list.

He hopes that matters will be improved by the new government policy of requiring local authorities to produce comprehensive insusing strategies, covering all sectors. But he believes, as the associa-

tion states in its well argued response to the policy review, that the Government itself has that the Government itself has seriously underestimated future demand for home ownership.
"Iding you, I am not one of those people who believe that sixtreased home ownership is the enswer to all our protiens," he adds. "There note been doctringines on the rigin as well as on the left.
"One of the tragedies of housing policy since the war is

as well as on the left.

"One of the tragedies of housing policy since the war is that it has largely ignored the needs of the really disativatinged. They are the people about whom, at least until recent, with Cathy Come House and 30 op, leasons gave a damn?

Building societies could still liberalize their leitding poricies, he says, to the extent of giving higher advances on oldes and cheaper properties, and offering larger loans in relation to incomes. "After all, building societies were founded for social purposes, and they have achieved an enormous social revolution, so in a sense it is our duty to be more liberal."

He rejects the accusation, by Shelter, that societies discriminate unfairly against poorer sections of the community by "red lining" certain inner-city areas where they will not give mortgages.

"Nevertheless it must be accepted that there are some areas so derelict that it would be sheer folly for anyone to buy a douse there. After all, if somebody buys such a house for £10,000, and a year later its worth only £9,000, it will not worry an enormous society like ours very much, but it will be a personal tragedy for the man concerned."

Labour puts off Euro-poll decision

By Our Political Reporter

Labour policy-makers Wednesday postponed a decision until January on what attitude the party should take towards direct elections to the European

When the national executive committee met it had two proposals before it. The first stated that the national executive committee opposed direct elections and would not endorse any candidates and would not devote staff or resources to them. The second, also reaffirmed opposi-tion to the principle, but added the rider that in the event of the Bill being passed the NEC would "not wish to let mount-

ing feeling of dissatisfaction with the EEC go unrepresented and therefore believes the Labour Party should contest direct elections."

Conservative MPs who were absent from the Commons vote on Tuesday on the method of selecting members for the Euro-pean Parliament included: I Parliament Habbuses. Freederic Bennett, Torbuy, Mr. J. Se. Kautsford, Mr. Godber, Grans. S. Mr. A. Grath, Harrow, Gontral; Mr. A. Grath, Harrow, Dorsel, Mr. M. Mr. Bodfordaire, M. Mr. Mr. Bodfordaire, M. Mr. Gradow, Woking; Mr. Peyton, Mt. Mr. Peytice, Nowham, North-







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US aircraft crashes United States F-111 swing-wing fighter crashed within 35 yards of a housing estate at Emiling, near Newmarket, yes-terday, but no one was hurt.

Food policy challenge to Shadow Cabinet

By Hugh Clayton Two Conservative back-benchers have issued a paper about food policy that goes beyond the published views of the Sbadow Cabinet and away yet the authors have strong agricultural backgrounds. They are Mr Alick Buchanan-Smith, MP for Angus, North, and Mearns, a former jumior minister in the Scottish Office responsible for farming; and Mr Peter Mills, MP for Devon, West, a farmer and former Parliamentary Secretary at the Minister of Agriculture.

Their paper, which forms a sequel to one they published in July, is significant for two reasons. First, it underlines discontent emong Conservative MFs about the absence of a clear policy about form and food prices

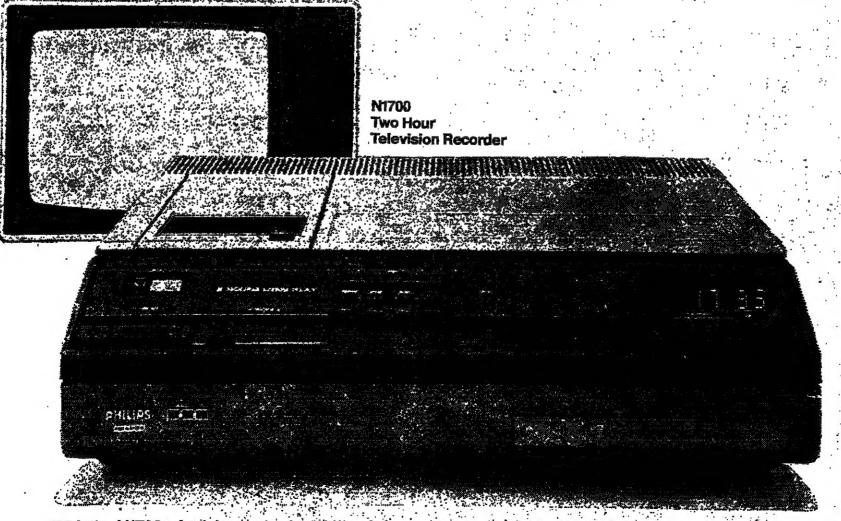
Secondly, it reflects a growsection, it resists a grow-ing penetration, even in Con-servative and farming circles, of the assertion from food pro-cessers and the consumer bobby that EEC farm policy is much too favourable to

Mr Buchanan-Smith and Mr Mills call for production tar-gets in the EEC that would

gets in the EEC that would give farmers a fair return, but only as far as the Community wanted them to produce food. They recognize that the production of persistent surpluses that; have to be sold cheaply outside the EEC is one of the chief facilits of the common agricultural policy.

While they feel that the policy has had some successes, they regret that "increases in farm prices take place to cover the costs not of the more efficient: producers, but of virtually all producers.

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Judge speaks after protest over year's sentence on killer

Mr Justice Lawson, whose the deceased youth was alive sentencing of a killer to 12 although unconscious when he months' jail, has been criticized, was put in the river but that spoke at Winchester Crown Court vesterday about "what might have been a merciful verdict" by the jury in the case. He added that he was bound to proceed in accordance

with that verdict.

He had been criticized for his sentence on Wednesday after Ralph Liddle, aged 23, an army deserter, of Marlowe Road, Stoke-on-Trent, had been cleared of murdering Kenneth Green, aged 18, a policeman's son, but convicted of his man-slaughter.

At the start of court proceedings, vesterday, Mr Justice Lawson said be found it necessary to say something in open court about misunder-standings that had arisen over

the case. He said: "I think we should He said: "I think we should remember the jury unanimously found him not guilty of murder. I thought it was made perfectly clear, but it is obviously necessary to make it perfectly clear, that the basis on which the jury returned their verdict of manslaughter was that they were satisfied that they make the sentence as "another nail the sentence as "another nail of in the coffin of justice." A senior officer said: "It was a slap in the face for law and order. What will people think when they know a killer gets only 12 months in jail?"

was put in the river but that the prosecution had failed to prove that Liddle knew or believed that his victim was still alive. It may have been a merciful verdict and I am bound to proceed in accordance with that verdict.'

Police Constable Alan Green, aged 39, after learning that his son's killer had received only 12 months for the crime, said he was resigning from the olice force. Police Constable Green has

served in the police force for 20 years. He said when announcing his resignation: "I regard the sentence as an insult to my son and I will play no further part in the law which has done this awful thing. The has done this awful mag. Including in this country has been taken over by the do-gooders."
Hampshire colleagues ex-

Call for state-run nurseries for the under-fives

State-run nurseries for children up to the age of five should be available on demand and free of charge a TUC working party says in a report published

yesterday.
The 128-page report calls on the Government to place a statutory duty on local authori-ties to provide preschool centres

ties to provide preschool centres providing an integrated service of care, education, health and welfare for the underfives.

New legislation should also be introduced laying down minimum manionel standards of child-minding, including staffing, space and safety, the report says. Minders should be employed directly by local authorities with paid holidays and pension rights. Training for minders should be provided on full pay.

The growing numbers of mothers with young children who are going to work make it essential that community childcare should be provided during grant, working hours. The hours of are it existing nursery classes needed year.

to be extended, and facilities should also be available during school holidays.

Two thirds of women aged be-tween 18 and 44 have children under 15, the report says. There are 4,500,000 children under the age of five, a quarter of whom The Under-Fives: Report of a TUC working party, Congress House, Great Russell Street, London WC1, 50p.

More help for inner cities

New powers for local authori ties in inner cities designed to assist industry and regenerate their areas are detailed in the Inner Urban Areas Bill, published yesterday

In addition to financial help through the urban aid pro-gramme and the rate-support grant, the measures in the Bill are likely to cost about £25m a

Mr Dell, Secretary of State for Trade, said yesterday that food imports had cost Britain

Food producers benefit from EEC

Verdict on widow who died during power cut

A verdict of death misadventure was recorded by the North London coroner yes-terday on a widow, aged 84, who died on a baselet died on a hospital operating table during a power cut last morth. The theatre was plunged into darkness and staff worked in torchlight, it was stated.

Both emergency back-or electrical systems had failed and the anaesthetist was monitoring by counting a pulse a the neck and by sterboscope when the woman's neart stopped for a second time. It was some minutes before a batteryoperated beart machine could be brought into the theatre to replace the one that should

to replace the one that should have been powered by the emergency system.

Dr David Paul, the coroner, said of the death at the Prince of Wales Hospital, Tottenham:

"Failure to have the fibrillating equipment in working order at the time of her second cardiac arrest must have embarrassed attempts to have embarrassed attempts to resuscitate her. But whether the attempts would have been successful it is impossible to

An investigation had revealed riset a stand-by generator's failure to operate had been caused by defective batteries.

Dr Mancher Sebetian was the surgeon at the operation on Mrs Lilian Pettengel, of Newton Road, Tottenham, on November 27. The operation was normal until the first resuscitated and the operation continued but then there was a power failure, during which Mrs Pettergel's beart stopped

The power fashere had no adverse effects on the surgery, Dr Seberian said. He was not at a particularly critical stage. at a particularly critical stage.

Mr Leonard Busby, the hospital's acting engineer, said that on October 27 the generator batteries were found to be deficient because of a faulty bettery charge. A generator was started but not run when he made random checks, the last on November 3. During the operation be tried to start the generator but it would not work.

The coroner said it bad been known for some time that the

known for some time that the battery starting the generator and been behaving abnormally. "For some reason no action was taken and no detailed log reporting this was in existence A hospital inquiry showed that failure was due to the defective

this country was producing a smaller proportion of its own food than any of the leading industrial competitors."

Price of a kilo: It takes a British worker 249 minutes to

Darlington

With the sub-title "The Paper Than Wouldn't Stay Silent" and an extra penny, on its selling price the Evening

Despatch reappeared on the streets of Darkington yesterday after a four-month closure

after a four-month closure caused by a strike of members of the National Union of

Journalists and printers, who later supported them over the closed-shop issue.

A small group of executives and journalists who do not belong to any union or are members of the Institute of Journal

bers of the Institute of Journa-lists brought out the paper

after printing workers last week decided to drop their support of the journalists.

Work on preparation of this morning's publication of the Northern Echo, the largest sell-ing provincial morning news-

paper in England and Wales,



A Carolingian ivory plaque from the cover of a manuscript gospel which was sold for £255,000 at Sotheby's yesterday. (Sale room, page 18.)

British Rail wants 13p rise in petrol prices

By Michael Baily

Transport Correspondent

A 13p increase in petrol
prices to nearly £1 a gailon is
called for by Mr Peter Parker, called for oy Mar Feter Factor, chairman of British Rail, mday, as a means of long-term help to the railways.

Since the last big increase in

Since the last blg increase in January, 1975, petrol tax has been allowed to fall by nearly 35 per cent in real terms, Mr. Parker says in an interview with the American-owned International Railway Journal: that policy does no good for either energy conservation or British Rail he comments. By Hugh Clayton

British food traders have found an answer to the growing dominance of their home market by foreign suppliers who enjoy EEC subsidies. They are replying to cheap Community butter and bacon by increasing vastly their sales of tea and chocolate to other Community countries.

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energy conservation or British Rail, he comments.
Restoring petrol tax to the level of three years ago, requiring a 13.7p rise to 52.3p on a gailon, and holding it there would increase rail passenger milage in the long term by 5 to 10 per cent, and produce substantial regions. produce substantial revenue

earn the price of a kilo each of sirloin steak, rod, bread, apples, gains. Mr Parker also invites the Mr Parker also invites the Government to "look very hard indeed" at company cars, and to raise the "subsidy" on heavy lorries, which he estimates at £50m a year for the 32-ton group alone, or £3,750 a year for each lorry doing 100,000 miles. "We should like to see come supports in eliming oranges, butter and potatoes, a litre of milk and a dozen eggs. Mr Golding, Under-Secretary of State, Department of Employment, has disclosed in a parliamentary written reply. The average Dane need work for only 190 minutes to buy the same goods, and the Irishman 233 minutes. to see some progress in eliminating that subsidy—perhaps over the same time scale the Government wants us to elimination. At the other end of the scale, a Frenchman has to work for 392 minutes, and an Italian requires 374 minutes. Food prices used in the comparisons are from October, 1975, and do not take account of taxation.

going, particularly in the countryside and small towns, Mr Rodgers, Secretary of State for Transport, said yesterday. He was commenting on the new Transport Bill, which requires

years, wagon fleet by 50,000, and locomorives by 250 over the same period. But we cannot be satisfied. We shall never

convince customers that we are giving value for money if we

are seen to be overmanned. That is the nub of the problem."

about £50m a year (£325m instead of £275m this year) ro

restors the "crumbling edge of quality" that is clearly visible in stations and rolling stock on little used lines. Even that higher amount would be in-adequate for a period when it would encounter a generation gap calling for massive reequipment as the big rootwar

ment as the big postwar modernization programme ran Transport Bill: Some county

councils are giving insufficient

British Rail, he says, needs

counties to prepare rolling five-year transport plans from 1979, and gives fresh freedom for community minibuses and carshering.

Building pay deal

breaking the law on religious instruction, the Assistant Masters' Association says today. A survey by the essociation suggests that they fail to provide a minimum of one religious period a week for all pupils. Whether that is illegal or not depends on how the Education

Act, 1944, is interpreted. The Act states that "religious instruction shall be given in every county school and in every voluntary school." It does not The association believes, however, that the law must imply regular instruction and that rated religious education.

Schools 'breaking law

on religious studies'

By Diana Geddes

one religious lesson a week would be required for all month be required for an pupils.
The survey of more than a thousand schools, made in October, 1975, and published in the association's journal, shows that 53 per cent fadied to meet that standard. Even if sixth forms were excluded, two schools in

a common sense interpretation would therefore be that at least

Retirement

of noisy

airliners

By Arthur Reed

five would still feel to comply with the law, in the association's view.

A quarter of the schools

Education Correspondent
Half the secondary schools
in England and Wales are dropped religious education es a compulsory subject for pupils a compulsory subject for pupils from the age of 14. Twenty-six schools provided no religious education at sil, and 94 others did not provide it for any of the first three years, although it was available as an option for older pupils.

Most schools with little or no formal religious instruction provided other courses such as sociology, the humanities, social studies, and mural education, some of which incorporated religious education.

The essociation was also concerned about the failure of

schools to pay attention to the "agreed syllabors" for religious instruction which the 1944 Act says must be laid down by local authorities. local authorities.

Half the schools said there was "only accidental contact" or no contact at all between the agreed syllabus and what was actually taught. Some did not even know what the agreed syllabus was.

Freeze on tobacco sponsorship

By Annabel Ferriman Stronger regulations designed to hasten the reckement from service of noisy cirliners were published in the Civil Aviation

Mr Howell, Minister of State (Sport and Recreation) yesterday announced a freez on sports sponsorship b on sports sponsorship by tobacco companies at the 1976 level, which is thought to be Bill yesterday.

The Bill shows airport authorities to structure their about £7m. authorities to structure their landing charges so that they discriminate in favour of quieter aircraft. It gives the Secretary of State for Trade powers to direct specified aircrafts authorities to fix their charges in that direction.

Also included in the Bill is He also amounced that any

proposal to sponsor a big sport not previously sponsored by the industry would be sub-ject to prior consultation with him. Televised events would be subject to a new agreed code of

subject to a new agreed code of practice.

Mr Michael Daube, director of Action on Smoking and Health (ASH), said yesterday:

"It is the first step towards much tougher curbs. Any code of practice can be strengthened."

Cautious approach: The Government's approach to the preventhe power for airport authorithe power for akport aumorates to make by-laws to limit or intigate the effects of noise, vibration and atmospheric pollution. That power could be used to regulate the ground running of let engines.

Other main clauses in the Other main clauses in the Bill provide for the setting up of a fund to meet the cost of protecting six raft, six ports and navigational installations from acts of violence.

The Government announced in February that it intended to transfer the burden of aviation security costs from the tarrange. security costs from the taxpayer in general to the traveller. In November it said that a levy

Cantions approach: The Government's approach to the prevention of ill health is one of caution on such controversial matters as higher transition on robacco and alcoholic drinks and the abolition of cigarette advertising, it is made clear in a White Paper published yesterday (our Realth Services Correspondent writes).

Impoducing the document, Mr Ennals, Secretary of State for Social Services, said prevention of ill health was a government priority. But the main message was that it was largely a matter for the individual.

The White Paper is the Government's reply to the findings of the Committee inquiry and preventive medicine and 24 of the 58 committees recommendations were accepted fully.

The White Paper concludes that some of the most difficult diseases to prevent are those associated with bassan bediseases to prevent are those associated with human behaviour. The Government will help by fostering preventive policies, but responsibility for his own health rests largely with the individual.

The White Paper says the Government will continue to consider the recommendation that there should be an annual ing school and was top candidate at Dartmouth was ordered at a court martial at Devoupour yesterday to be dismissed the service for cheque offences. He was also sentenced to three months' imprisonment. He had denied stealing a cheque book and cheque card from a brother officer and forging and passing four cheques to the value of £88.90. He was ordered to pay £88.90 to the Midland Bank. mat mere should be an annual increase in tax on eighteres to reduce consumption. It is having discussions with EEC parties about a supplementary fax to discourage the smoking of eightettes with high tax con-

The tobacco industry is tak-The tobacco industry is taking steps to phese out high tarcigarettes by March, 1979. The
Government does not agree that
the advertising of cigarettes
should be completely banned.
It is possible that a ban would
have a minimal effect on total
consumption and be regarded as
an unnecessary restriction on
individual liberty.
Widespread screening of
healthy people could be justified only when the disease can
be effectively treated
Prevention and Health (Canid 7047,

Some tips by a chief at the Hollow Tooth

Re Peter Evans Home Affairs Correspondent

John Laws at the Hollow Tooth, anxious to be ready-eyed and to have their share of tickles, could do worse than turn to a book, published today by Deputy Assistant Commis-sioner David Powis, of Scotland

The glossary he includes of words and phrases commonly used by thieves, cheats and ponces" explains that "Join be "ready-eyed" is to be knowledgeable, and "tickles" are worshwhile arrests. Hollow Tooth is an ironic and dis-gruntled term for Scotland Yard, used by some policemen and certain knowledgeable criminals and is very much an term.

Mr Powis, senior deputy assistant commissioner in the Criminal Investigation Department of the Metropolitan Police, has produced a cross between a good sleuth's guide and a picture of the underworld that Maybew might have recognized in his books on Victorian England.

Describing how to cultivate informers. Mr Powis tells of the murky relationship between prostitutes, their "maids" and pouces. He says: "Remember maids, as a class, seem intensely amagonistic to ponces, and are often the originators of anony-mous letters concerning them."

Often a maid is an old pros-situte or thief, employed "to answer the telephone, to describe the type of service offered, to prevent queueing or any other suspicious behaviour outside and to keep nervous clients occupied with either selectious reading matter or pert conversation until they can be

seen, in turn, by the prostitute".

Acute observation of people enables Mr Powis to give advice on how to distinguish between "an honest working man and a lazy thief". A working bricklayer's finger ends are worn almost smooth through handling bricks.

The hands of a confirmed car thief are often both oil-stained and ingrained with hardened, greasy dirt. But "an honest mechanic, so often a family man, will buy end use chemical cleaners, for he has to be clean at family meals. The oil stains on his hands will there seen, in turn, by the prostitute ".

stains on his hands will there fore tend to be fresher."

There are handy ups disguises. "In London, on small scooter, you can make yourself look exactly like a orobarionary taxi-driver learn-ing "the knowledge" (of London Streets) for the Public Carriage Office written ex

affor, a going common and accepted sight.

And Mr Powis tells how to deal wish the "very small proportion of both counsel and solicitors" who "are grossly insulting to police witnesses." Do not enter into argument or long answers, Mr Powis advises. "If the man deliberately mispronounces your name, for example, or provocatively sneets as he addresses you by rank either less than you have or perhaps over-high (a not nocommon courtroom ploy) keep a cool head. Let it go the first and second time. To be thin-skinned over rank and the pronunciation of your surpame can sound conceated.

"Nevertheless, you can, after the third time, say to the Bench something like, "My Lord, perhaps the shorthand writer should know my police ranking is that of constable." Signs of Crime, by Davis Powis (McGraw-Hill Book Company (UK) Ltd, 54.50).

Edmand Wilson

Dennis Welland discusses
Edmund Wilson's letters, 19121972, in The Times Higher Education Supplement today, Judith
Judd visits Aberdeen University and Peter David the London Business School, and David
Walker talks to Robin Blackhurn.

Important notice by Rima

Community countries.

It is trouic that after five rears of EEC membership countries that were once D itain should be covering part coloured red on our maps, sig-

of the cost of imports by nifying their membership of adopting its traditional role as a processor and merchant of raw materials from developing countries.

Tea sold by Britain to the industry, such as coors, sugar and the EEC was postly

Tea sold by Britain to the industry, such as cocoa, sugar rest of the EEC was worth and tea. As consumption of more than £14m in the first food has fallen at home, food

nine months of this year and companies have been driven to weighed 8,300 ronnes. Mr exprt more to keep their Michael Vernon, president of businesses working at full the British Food Export Council, said the weight sold was two Mr Dell, Secretary of State

Sales of chocolate confect £4,500m last year. It was vital

WARNING Rima regret to announce that, in a very few cases, faults have been found on their portable fan heaters.

cil, said the weight sold was two thirds higher than a year

This also applies to Electra and Jonelle branded fan heaters. To be safe, it is essential that these heaters are checked immediately. If you have one of these heaters, UNPLUG it from the mains. Look into the front grille with a torch or under a strong light. The faults you are looking for are lengths of element wire closer than \u00e4" to any surrounding sheet metal (A in illustration) or long stray strands of copper wire (B in illustration). If you think you

have a faulty heater or have any doubts, and it is a RIMA HEATER take one of these steps: 1. Fill in the coupon below and send it to Rima Electric Ltd. (No postage needed).

2. Take the heater back to the place from which you bought it so that it can be checked. In case of difficulty

ELECTRA OR JONELLE HEATERS:

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Model Nos. affected: RIMA 406, 407, 408, 416, 417, 418. ELECTRA 76RMA 406, 407, 408. JONELLE 75, 76, 77. (These numbers are to be found on the back of the beater)

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Daytime Telephone No.

Model No. of heater

Comedian's wife fails to get a divorce

Mrs Diane Evans, mother of three children and married for 17 years, called to her husband in the garden, "I am getting a divorce", it was stated in the Family Division of the High Court vesterday. The husband replied, "If I do not get these tomato plants in soon they will die."

Mr Anthony Hollis, a deputy living soid he could not blame leagues in the struggle against

judge, said he could not blame Mr Stanley Evans for his re-action. Mrs Evans had married a comedian, a successful one, and Mr Evans did not really believe his wife.

believe his wife.

The judge dismissed a divorce plea brought by Mrs Evans, aged 41, who complained of her husband's conduct. The counte still live in general terms and made an emergence of the store staff had made an emergence talenhous call. duct. The couple still live in gency telephone call. she same house with their children in Brentwood, Essex. Branch detectives moved in.

That was not new for them, since a similar group brought the paper out for nine weeks between June and early August when the NUJ editorial members were on strike but the printers stayed at work. Mr Evans, who, as editor, has had little say in the conflict between managerial executives

perween managerial executives and professional staff, told me yesterday: "I should like to have resumed production with a paper packed full of northern news and features, but we will obviously not be able to achieve that in the morning."

The 106 NULL members of the The 106 NUJ members of the staff of North of England Newspapers, a subsidiary of the Westminster Press group, which also publishes several weeklies in the area between Tyneside and Yorkshire, rejected what the management described as a final offer on wages and con-

also resumed yesterday. Mr Donald Evans, the editor, with ditions on Tuesday. three other editorial executives and a district reporter, who is a member of the Institute of Tournalists, have been doing

Seven of the nine men sen-tenced were from Belfast and

one told the no-jury court:
"The only crime of which we are guilty is of helping our com-

leagues in the struggle against British imperialism."

The incident that led to the

NUJ holds firm as Darlington papers appear all the news gathering and fair pay and conditions, there figure, production.

was little sign yesterday of any decisor; willingness to surrender. Their view is that they struck

because they thought they could achieve better wages and conditions only by imposing a closed shop, and the appointment of Mrs Josephine Kirk Smith, who refused to join the NUJ. as a sub-editor on the Darlington and Stockton Times helped to ignite prolonged

Mr Michael Duggan, father (chairman) of the joint NUJ chapels office branches of North of England Newspapers, told me: "I think that if the management approach was something really meaningful, such as a firm date for a house agreement, we might at least be prepared to discuss a return to work.

The last offer made to us, which included a £5 payment if the circulation of the Northern Echo was restored to Although the journalists have Northern Echo was restored to Westminster Press wanted moderated their position from 91 per cent of its previous victory on its own terms, and a stand on the closed-shop in journalism to one requiring every 1 per cent above that union's Darlington members.

November 27.

At the start of their trial eight

of the defendants said they were in the IRA and refused to recog-

nize the court. Pleas of not

guilty were entered on behalf

figure, was regarded as derisory."

Mr Duggan scorned another productivity offer, continued undermanning of nine journalists, whose salaries would be

would be taken in the year from April 1, 1978, at the rate of 80p for every arriving pas-

senger.
Although it will be for ext-

Attrough it will be for eirport authorities to decide how
they will meet the cost of the
levy, it is expected that it will
be passed on through increased
landing charges, which will in
turn be passed on by the airlines in increased fares.

Sub-Lieutenant Colin Ren-

wick aged 35 a former deputy head of naval police who won the sword of bonour at train-ing school and was top candi-

Dismissal for

naval officer

shared among the staff.

The plight of the Darlington journalists has been greatly eased. In addition to the £40 a week they have been receiving from the NUJ strike fund, special payments have been made our of a locally financed hardship fund, which has reached about \$10,000. Our Labour Staff writes: Mr Kenneth Ashton, recently appointed general secretary of the NUJ, made a statement yesterday amounting to a com-mitment to continue the fight at Darlington indefinitely.

He said the strike would, if necessary continue for enother six months. "The long trail of this dispute is littered with the broken promises of the West-minster Press."

Nine of IRA fund-raising gang jailed

A Provisional IRA fund-raising gang who held hostages at gunpoint when a robbery became a siege were jailed by the Special Criminal Court in Dublin yesterday.

Later, as troops and police surrounded the building, the gunthose charges and for imprisoning a man and a woman.

They were in James Johnston, aged 30, of Coolock, Dublin, Jailed shortly after midnight on for 12 years; Michael Burns, aged 29, of Oldpark Avenue, Belfast. ing a man and a woman.

They were: James Johnston, aged 30, of Coolock, Dublin, jailed for 12 years; Michael Burns, aged 29, of Oldpark Avenue, Belfast, 12 years; Eugene-Fenning, aged 27, of Greathill Street, Belfast, 12 years; James Feçan, aged 19, of Glenalina Park, Belfast, eight years; Eugene Stoan, of Ballymurphy, Belfast, eight years; Michael Morgan, aged 19, of Glengormley, near Belfast, eight years; George Markey, aged 19, of Ardilea Street, Belfast, eight years; and Brien McKee, aged 22, of Andersonstown, Belfast, 10 years. The court took into consideration the ages of the younger of all the men.

Sentencing them yesterday,
Mr Justice Liam Hamilton, the president, said the court accep-ted that the hostages had not been ill treated during the siege.
One of the men, Christopher Heapes, aged 27, of Blanchardston, Dublin, was arrested before the siege begon. He was jailed for 10 years for firearm offences and his part in the robbery for more than 57,500 in cash and changes from the store.

men.

The only defendant to address the court was Mr Fanning, who told the judges that they had been tried by "a no-jury political tribunal" and added that they had been raising funds for colleagues in Northern Ireland.

55,200 staff for Armed Forces' 39,700 trainees

Today's report by the Defence and External Affairs Commons Expenditure Committee points to the 13 RAF and 26 Royal Navy ground training schools listed by Mr Lewis and to 57 equivalent army establishments. It suggests that "a degree of over-management" is borne out by figures, which show an average of 20,700 soldiers in training but 22,500 administra-

tors and instructors. Figures published in an appendix to the main report indicate that, for the Services together, the total number of administrators and instructors

administrators and instructors at training establishments and Service colleges is 55,200 and trainees number only 39,700.

The MPs acknowledge that scope for rationalizing training by combining Service establishments is limited. Mr Lewis could point to only a few areas where further progress was feasible.

But they are still concerned.

By Henry Stanhope
Defence Correspondent
An all-party committee of MPs, which calls for more economies in the Armed Forces training bill, estimated to be £565m a year, criticizes "deepty rooted single-service habits" in its report today.
An independent inquiry into habits "in its report today.

An independent inquiry into joint Service training was conducted for the Ministry of Defence by Mr. E. R. L. Lewis, chief training consultant for the training services agency of the Manpower Services Commission.

Today:

"The continued existence of Subcommittee of the House of such anomalies seems to indicate a degree of rigidity and unwillingness to break with deepty rooted single-Service habits, and we are bound to report that this impression came across in the tone of some of the evidence given by ministry and Service witnesses during the course of this

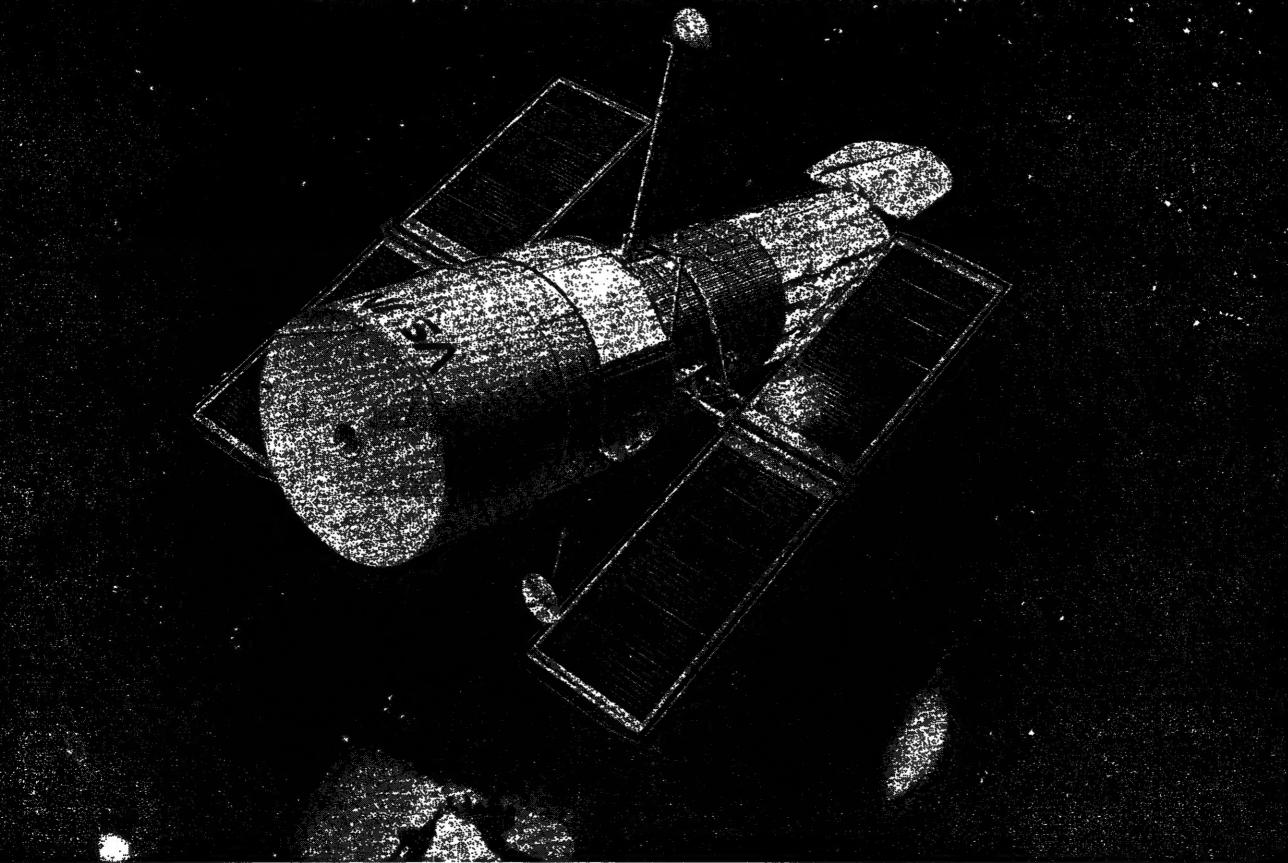
Concern is expressed at the ministry's reluctance to accept one of Mr Lewis's main recom mendations: for a new central organization at the ministry to promote joint training. The promote joint training. The MPs are also "extremely concerned" that the ministry failed to consult Mr Lewis during and after his inquiry. They even had difficulty, as did Mr Lewis, in finding our precisely how in finding out precisely how many Servicemen were under-going joint training at present bere further progress was first Report from the Expendi-ture Comittee: Joint Training of Servicemen (Stationery, Office, E4.10).

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In 1983, man may see to the edge of the universe



with this NASA/Lockheed Space Telescope.

When it is launched late in 1983, the NASA Space Telescope may enable scientists for the first time to see distant galaxies as they appeared when they were formed. The Space Telescope will be able to detect images that originated 14 billion years ago, when according to some theories the universe was created.

New planets of other solar systems—perhaps worlds similar to ours—may come into view.

Whatever awaits the scrutiny of scientists, it will be seen with clarity seven times better than that of earth-based observatories. Moreover, the Space Telescope will detect objects 50 times fainter than is possible on Earth. And it will perform ultraviolet and infrared measurements impossible from Earth.

Luckheed, under contract to NASA's Marshall Space Flight

Center, is designing and building the largest part of the Space Telescope, the Support Systems Module. Lockheed also is integrating the optics and various scientific instruments into the Telescope. And Lockheed will test the entire system before it is launched.

Once in space, the Telescope will be able to lock onto celestial objects with absolute accuracy for as long as 30 to 40 hours.

From man's study of the heavens have come concepts of time, calendars and clocks. Early astronomy led to the laws or gravitation—and these to the development of mathematics. Now the Space Telescope promises to bring mankind worlds of new knowledge.

Helping man explore the vastness of the universe. One of the technological achievements of the 55,000 workers at Lockheed.

European Parliament shows its muscle by disputing EEC budget

Strasbourg, Dec 15

The EEC Budget for 1978 still hangs in the balance with little time left for reconciliation be-tween the Council of Ministers

tomorrow or early next week the 1977 Budget will be continued into the new year, with a twelfth of the total appropriations doled out each month to keep Community programmes running, though on a hand-to-mouth basis.

After Parliament had defied the Council today by carrying extensive amendments at the final stage of the Community's protracted hudgetary procedures, word was sent to Brussels in the rather faint hope that the Council would give way before Parliament rises tomorrow. More probably the decison will be left to the Vinance ministers, who meet on Monday, for they set the financial limits beyond which the governments of the Nine said they would not go.

Most of the dispute between Council and Parliament has hinged on the Regional Devel-opment Fund. Earlier in the year the Commission drafted a budget proposing increases to meet the regional and employment needs of the Community and enlisted the support of Parliament. Finance ministers disagreed, partly because of West German and ratise of West German and ther governments' fears of in-

issue was passed on to the prime ministers at the European Council in December.

The prime ministers objected to keeping tight domestic conand the European Parliament, the ioint budgetary authorities. increase by high percentages, If agreement is not reached albeit from a low base. Paromorrow or early next week liament was warned on Tuesday that the European Council had left only small margins for concessions. In particular, the prime ministers had set a limit of 580m units of account for commitments in the regional fund budgeting for 1978. Equally, they wanted cuts in the Parliament's proposed figure for payments appropria-

> Today Parliament refused to he cowed. It voted to add £111m to the payments side of the 1978 Budger and £55m to the commitments side. Payments appro-priations to the Regional Fund were increased by £88m. Nor was that all. The absolute ceiling for Regional Fund commit-ments set by the prime ministers in December was raised by a token sum of £650,000, as an assertion of Parliament's role as joint budgetary authority and a reminder to the Council that Parliament is not to be treated

In an important sense, the dispute between the Council as executive and the Parliament as legislature is better seen as less a budgetary disagreement than as a constitutional strug-

Parliamentary Report, page 12 | country.

Nine to pay grants for interchange of teachers

From Michael Hornsby Brussels, Dec 15

Twenty British universities and polytechnics are to receive grants from the EEC budget this year towards the cost of organizing joint courses of study with other institutions of higher education in the Community, the European Commission announced here today.

About 200 British specialists in vocational training, teachers, administrators and researchers in higher education, and local and regional administrators of secondary education will also receive EEC grants to finance study visits to other Community. countries over the next three

In addition, the Inner London Education Authority and the Sheffield Education Authority will be among European budies chosen for pilot projects aimed at exploring ways of making it easier for young people to find jobs The joint study courses,

The joint study courses, which could in some cases lead to the award of joint diplomas or degrees, are seen as a way of increasing the mobility of students throughout the Community and breaking down cul-tural harriers. Fewer than 10 per cent of

foreign students in individual EEC countries come from other Community countries, according to the Commission. Only some 25,000 students in the EEC, about 0.5 per cent of the total student population, are studying in another EEC said that such a refusal would



Communists demand power: High officials of the Portuguese Communist Party supporting their leader, Senhor Alvaro Cunhal (second from left), in a demand to participate in the next Portuguese Government. They were appearing at a rally in Lisbon. Last night President Eanes flew home from a state visit to West Germany to cope

with the crisis caused by the collapse of the Socialist Government headed by Dr Soares. The Socialists failed to win support for the austerity programme they proposed for solving the country's grave economic problems. Dr Soares, the caretaker Prime Minister, has held discussions with Communists and Centre Democrats and was preparing

last night to meet the Social Democrats, the second largest party. But with no prospects so far of a firm majority coalition capable of facing up to the economic dangers, political observers were speculating that President Eanes might have to call elections in the new year. On his return, the president praised the Portguese peoples' calm.

Mr van Agt forms new Dutch Cabinet

The Hague, Dec 15.—Mr Andreas van Agt, the Prime

Andreas van Agt, the drine Minister-designate, tonight formed a centre-right coalition Government, ending Holland's 204-day political crisis.

A spokesman of Mr van Agt said the new Cabinet would meet on Saturday and that Queen Juliana would swear in the new Prime Minister on Monday.

A week ago the Queen invited Mr van Agt, the Deputy Prime Minister and Justice Minister in Mr Joop den Uyl's Cabinet, to form a

Mr den Uvi, who headed a

caretaker Government since the May 15 general elections, tried repeatedly to form a left-centre coalition but failed each time. He had hoped to form a coalition of his Labour Party with 53 seats, the Christian Democrats with 49 seats and the Democrats with eight.

Mr van Agr's chalition excludes the Labour Party. It is composed of his own Christian

Democratic Party and the Liberal Party (28 seats), giving him a slim two-seat majority in the 150-seat lower house. Even this slim majority is uncertain. Seven members of the Christian Democratic par-liamentary caucus have said they will support the new Gov-ernment only on merit.

The new ministerial team of 16 includes only two survivors from the outgoing Cabinet—Mr van Agt himself and Mr Alphons van der Stee, his fel-low Christian Democrat.—UPI

sharp break. Condemning implicitly Alger-

ian interference in French dom-estic politics over the Polisario

and other issues, he insisted that

and other issues, he tosisted that
one must learn to establish
cordial relations by respecting
each other's independence and
interests".

The President also dealt in

great detail with the situation in the Middle East, his com-

ments on the initiative of Presi-

dent Sadat in going to Jerusa-lem were tinged with distinct

He west on to remark that President Sadat had not yet made any progress in his attempts to obtain a permanent

settlement with Israel. For him such a settlement rould only be

global and must be just and acceptable to all the parties

reservations.

Italian Communists renew coalition demand

Prom Peter Nichols
Rome, Dec 15
Signor Enrico Berlinguer,
the Italian Communist leader,
warned the governing Christian
Democrats tonight that they
would be taking an extremely
grave responsibility on themselves if they refused to accept
an emergency coalition including Communists and Socialists.
Speaking in an interview on

mean a further deterioration. He denied that the main issue facing his party was whether to go into government or return to the opposition. He said that it was working for a solution which would bring together the three main parties, and others who wished to join them, "in the great effort which has now to be made ".

Signor Berlinguer agreed with those Christian Democrats

who felt that the situation was so serious that it could not be kept in hand it either the Communists or the Christian Democrats went into opposition. He was speaking after a

meeting between representa-tives of the amons and the Government at which Signor Givin Andreotti, the Prime Minister, explained the eco-nomic strategy which he is due tomorrow to put before the

representatives of the parties collaborating with his minority administration Andreotti Signor has accepted that it is necessary to

make some changes in his Government in order to meet Communist criticism that it is doing too little to meet the economic crisis, but he ex-cludes the idea of forming a government with the Commun-

Exploiters of hostages rebuked by President

Paris, Dec 15

M Georges Merchais, the Communist Party leader, made a serious political miscalculation yesterday when he attempted to make political capital from the release of French bostages held by the Polisario guerrillas, by announcing it first, and steeling a march on the French Govern-

The almost unanimous reaction of the press today was one of indignation. President Giscard d'Estaing echoed the feelings of the overwhelming majority of the French people when he declared bluntly on television last night that "one does not play politics with hostages.".

The criticism was simed not only at M Marchais, but also at only at M Marchais, but also at acceptable to all the parties President Boumedienne of concerned.

Algeria and at the Polisario "If it is not global, there guertillas. The President, who will be no peace in the Middle was answering questions on foreign policy from a panel of that the only road to a global peace led through the reconsized that "France is a country wining of a Geneva type constitution wants to have the reput e reputation of being peace-loving, but it does not want to have the reputation of being weak.

The problem of the Polis-ario is an international and

African problem. France is tak-ing part in international discussions on this issue but it will not accept that through pres-sure and blackmail it is led to adopt a stand which it is not its

responsibility to take."

M Giscard d'Estaing spoke at length on relations between France and Algeria, and remarked that it was not easy to have normal and cordial relations after 130 years of cohabi-

He was very insistent on the role of the Soviet Union. There could be no international guarantees of peace in the area if antees of peace in the area in the house in the powers liable to affect the equilibrium in the Middle East did not participate in them. Among those powers is obviously the Soviet Union ...

The President complianced his desire that Mr Begin, the Graeli Prime Minister, should come

Polisario to hand | Bonn's reluctant French captives

to Dr Waldheim

From Our Own Correspondent
Paris, Det. 15

President Giscard d'Estaing
announced tonight that the
eight Franch hostages seized by
Polisario guerrillas earlier this
year will be handed over to Dr
Kurt Waldheim, the United
Nations Secretary-General, on
December 23.

The handover will take place
in Algiers, the President told
Maitre Jacques Miguel, the
lawyer who represents the
families of the bostages, at the
families of the date of release
Twaldheim had informed the
French Foreign Minister by
telephone of the date of release telephone of the date of release and said "he would be going to Algiers to receive them ".

soldiers face conscience test

From Patricia Clough Boan, Dec 15 The West German Constitu-tional Court acted today to stem the increasing flood of conscien-

the increasing flood of conscientious objectors who are opting out of military service.

It ordered the temporary reinstatement of the "conscience test" in which a recruiting committee examines the sincerity of young men who apply for moral reasons in do social service instead.

So many youths have chosen to work in hospitals old people's homes and other institutions that there are not enough places available. The

Government intends to discourage objectors by making them live in barracks. At present many live at home. France faces power cuts after pay talks fail

From Ian Murray Paris, Dec 15

Power cuts throughout France seem certain tomorrow morning after the failure of last night's

after the failure of last night's talks between union leaders and the electricity authority.

The two unions involved, the Communist CGT and the Socialist OFDT, have called on their members to carry out the 30 percent voltage reductions between 9 am and 11 amthat were threatened at the end of last week.

The bour-long talks last night almost degenerated into farre.

The bour-long talks last night almost degenerated into farte. The menagement side had nothing more to offer than when the two sides mer on Monday. The union's side took to shouting their disappointment and, somewhat propherically, an electricity fault in the building kept plunging the conference room into darkness.

Neither the OGT nor OFDT agreed to sign the pay award settled in September with the three much smaller unions with members employed by the authority.

M. Marcel Boiteux, director-

general of the electricity authority, told them however, that this agreement, reached after seven months of discussions, was binding and there was no kuestion of reopening discus-

So far as the unions were concerned, the ofter was worthless. They are pressing for a "thirteenth month" of pay, compensation for the loss of sive revision of pay scales.

In the words of the CGT negotiator, M Roger Pauwels, there had been no opening

Jockey released

Paris, Dec 15.—Yves Saint-Martin, France's top jockey, was today released without bail pending will for manslauchter. He had been detained for a week after a three-car crash in which two people died.

Meuten appeal

Amsterdam, Dec 15-Pieter Menten, aged 78, the Dutch millionaire art collector, today appealed against his conviction and 15-year prison sentence for war crimes announced by a special court yesterday.



From 15 00 today, December 16, the Underground brings Heathrow Airport to London's doorstep.

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For 1978, Datsun have added several important new models to their best selling range of cars—exciting additions which give extra refinement in family motoring with the all-new 1.4 litre and 1.6 litre Violet saloons and the Violet hatchback coupé; easy to use semi-automatic transmission with 1200 cc engines in the two Cherry saloons; and the introduction of a 1.6 litre version of the extremely popular Bluebird saloon.

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NEW! Violet Mark III

The new range of Violets offer you the comfort and luxury of executive-style motoring in a lively compact family car. There's a choice of engines in the saloon; 1.4 litre and 1.6 litre, both with a world proven record for performance, reliability and economy. The new Violets have a larger interior than the models they replace, with more passenger space and comfort, 10% more window area with a lower waistline for extra visibility, a smaller turning circle with light and precise steering for easy manoeuvring and parking, more powerful brakes for even safer stopping, and a new 4-link coil suspension at the rear to give you exceptionally smooth riding comfort with safe and predictable handling. Luggage space has also been increased by no less than 20% to cater for family motoring needs.

The Violet saloons have all the equipment you would expect from Datsun — tinted glass, push button radio, cloth upholstery with reclining front seats, new deep pile fitted carpets; a highly accurate quartz clock, two-speed wipers with intermittent and wash/wipe facility, lockable glove box, reversing lights, hazard flashers, heated rear window, and many more features for your extra comfort and safety.



Violet SSS Coupé

And for the first time in this range, Datsun have introduced a hatchback version, the Violet SSS coupé which has a high-lift tailgate with removable rear shelf and fold-down rear seat to give you enormous carrying capacity. The hatchback has a twin carburettor version of the 1600cc engine and a five-speed gearbox for extra performance and driving pleasure. A rev counter is, of course, part of the comprehensive standard equipment.

The new Violets are an important addition to the Datsun range of family cars with prices that go from £2749 for the 1.4 litre saloon to £2819 for the 1600 saloon and £3140 for the hatchback coupé, all inclusive of Car Tax, VAT and seat belts.

NEW! Cherry Automatic Saloons

Two new additions to the top-selling range of Cherrys - superb easy-to-drive saloons with Datsun semi-automatic transmission and 1200cc engines. Gearbox operation is through a torque converter and there is no clutch pedal for the driver to worry about the clutch is operated automatically when the selector lever is moved. There are three forward positions—Low, for starting off, Drive, for normal motoring, and a special Overdrive feature for relaxed high-speed cruising. The new semi-automatic Cherrys have the top Datsun specification for this range, including cloth upholstery, reclining front seats, tinted glass, reversing lights, heated rear window, hazard flashers, cigar lighter, etc. They are priced at £2292 for the 2 door saloon and £2381 for the 4 door saloon, inclusive of Car Tax, VAT and seat belts.

NEW! 160B Bluebird Mark II

Added to the top selling Bluebird Mark 2 range is a 1.6 litre version, powered by a 1595cc overhead camshaft engine, giving 81 bhp for extremely brisk

performance, coupled with extra economy. The 160B Bluebird has all the luxury features of the already well established 1.8 litre saleon - fully independent suspension, power assisted dual-circuit brakes, luxurious interior with velvet style cloth upholstery and a full complement of equipment from two wave band push-button radio and tinted glass, to cigar lighter and electric clock. There is a bi-level heater with rear seat duct, illuminated ignition and steering lock, and convenient column mounted controls for lights, and wash/wipe system for the windscreen.



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Romania's minister of mining is dismissed

From Dessa Trevisan Belgrade, Dec 15

President Ceausescu today dismissed Mr Constantin Babalau, his Minister of Mining, four months after the three-day strike in the coal mining Jiu valley.

As is customary in Romania no reason was given for the minister's removal, but it seems obvious that it was connected with his failure to satisfy the miners after the President had personally promised to

According to the Romanian agency Agernes, Mr Patilinet, the former Minister of Forestry, took over

The August strike involving some 35,000 miners in the Jiu valley was in protest against pay, poor working con-s and insufficient food supplies. It caused President Ceausescu to interrupt his itoliday and rush to the Jiu valley, where he was shouted down and beckled before the minters were ready to listen to his promises and call off the

Since then, the President has made two more tours of the promised that the new leny will be revised in o meet the miners' but the miners apparently remained sceptical

President Carter says PLO has shown itself unworthy of seat at Middle East settlement talks

Washington, Dec 15

President Carrer told a press conference in Washington inday that the Palestine Liberation Organization had removed itself from serious consideration in the Middle East peaceraking process.

Moderate Palestinians were wanted in Cairo, he said; Mr Begin, the Israeli Prime Minis-Egypt, agreed with him.

"Our immediate hope and goal is that any peace move made by Israel and Egypt would be acceptable to the moderate Arab leaders in the Middle East, certainly King Husain of Jordan, certainly the Saudi Arabians", Mr Carter

"We have had good indica-tions, certainly in my personal visits with President Assad, that he wants to resolve the

pletely negative. They have not been cooperative at all. In spite of my own indirect invitation to them and the direct invitation by Sadat and by Assad and by King Rusain and by King Khalid, of Saudi Arabia, the PLO have refused to make any moves towards a peaceful atti-

jected United Nations resolu-tions 224 and 388. They have refused to make a public acknowledgement that Israel has a right to exist in peace. So I think they have them-

ticipation in a peace discussion. I certainly would not ascribe that sort of intransigence of negative ettitude to any of the other parties who have been mentioned as possible participants.

steps already having been taken delineate those who are immediately eager to conclude a step towards peace; those, like President Assad, who will wait a while to see what does occur, to see if the Golan Heights question can be resolved and soforth; and those who have, in effect, removed themselves from serious considera-tion, like the PLO."

Asked about the Soviet atti-tude to the Middle East, Mr Carter replied that relations between the United States and the Soviet Union were now much better than they were when he became President "I think that the Soviets have

been much more constructive in the Middle East than they formerly here", he said. "Obviously, they have not been as constructive as I would like

He hoped that the Soviet Union would cooperate when peace negotiations went beyond Cairo, towards a Geneva con-

Found el-Gawhary writes from Cairo: Egyptian and Israeli officials who today began the first formal working session of the Cairo peace conference re-mained divided on how to

a good position to act as broker

Egyptians preferred to tackle first specific subjects such as Israel's withdrawal from territories occupied in 1967 and the Palestinian people's rights to establish their own state, dele-gation sources said.

Egyptian and Israeli spokes-

men, however, said the talks, either formal or private, were being conducted in an amicable and friendly atmosphere.

expect any concrete outcome before Monday after Mr Begin returns to Israel from his talks with President Carter. In any case the talks will be adjourned for three days, tomorrow, Saturday and Sunday, for the



Mr Eliaho Ben Elisar, Israel's chief delegate to the Cairo

Egyptian police baffled by Holden murder

Cairo, Dec 15

The Egyptian police are still mable to find the motive for the murder of David Holden. chief foreign correspondent of The Sunday Times, whose body was found on the outskirts of Cairo on Wednesday of last

Well aware of the damage which such an event can do to tion, the authorities here are taking the case extremely seriously and have by no means ruled out the possibility that Mr Holden might have been the victim of a political assassination. This possibility and the fact that the murderers are still a charge clearly have alarming implications at a time when Cairo is the scene of a preparatory peace conference and the target of bicter hostility in some other Arab countries. One theory is that Mr Holden, who had arrived from Jerusalem via Amman on the night that he was killed, might have been

A special team led by some of the highest ranking police and security officers in the country has been formed to supervise inquiries. Egyptian police officers have flown to both London and Amman to inquire into Mr Holden's back-

of unearthing a possible motive.

The Sunday Times is cooperating fully. Two senior
members of the editorial staff,
Mr John Berry and Mr Cal
McCrystal, have been in Cairo
since Sunday while my there entry visa and changed \$200 into Egyptian currency. He did not check into any hotel, and it is not known how he left the export. His body was found at 8 am next morning in a backstreet of Madinat Nasr (Nasser City), a new suburb

Army agr

built in the desert. Mr Holden was lying on his back although he had been killed by a single shot fired into his back at close range six inches below the collar. The bullet, which had passed directly through his heart and

lying on his stomach. The fact that it had passed downwards has led the police to believe he was probably killed while sitting in the front sear of a car by someone sitting behind him. Since the car would presumably have been driven by someone else, this

suggests that more than one

person was involved.

The simplest explanation would seem to be a robbery.

Mr Holden could have been by thieves waiting at the air-port. They might have seen him cashing travellers' cheques and then one of them could have offered his services as a

der was almost certainly pre-meditated. But premeditated most of them very much meminclined to suspect a political motive, the political positice have yet to find a convincing one. Mr Holden was a respected writer on Middle Eastern affairs, with a certain sympathy for the Arab cause and a certain distaste for leftist regimes like ethat of South Yemen. But his writing control of the Arab cause and a certain distaste for leftist regimes like ethat of South Yemen. But his writing stopped well short of the viriolic and seldom provoked even a verbally, let alons physically, violent response.

S Africa scraps half its job reservation laws

Johannesburg, Dec 15
South Africa is to scrap half
of its remaining job laws, the
statutory controls which de-

Mr Fanie Botha, the Minister of Labour, announced in Premotia that job reservation in 12 of the 25 remaining categories of work where these coutrols apply will be dropped. Discussions on suspending two other categories are continuing. Only one per cent of the labour force, about 117,000 workers, are now aftecated by job laws. Mr Botha claimed. However, the thorny outerion

However, the thorny question of free colective beggining for black workers through reconstructed trade commi inquiry, the Wienahn comm which is expected to report early next year, may make recommendations. It will also make recommendations. It will also make recommendations about the job reservation categories that remain law.

In anticipation of the commission's report, Mr Bothamistion's report, Mr Bothamistic "The question arises whether statutory job reservation is still the correct merchanism to protect recommendation.

groups".

Although the removal of the job laws in many cases only legalizes a situation aiready

exising, it is a brave move by ment at a time when unemployment both among whites and blacks its becoming serious. In times of a shortage of skilled labour, job reservation has led to the ludicrous situation where for example, blacks employed libegally as bricklayers have used garden trowels instead of proper builders.

means that house buyers get either an undercoar or a top-

no reservation is to remain in the building trade which has been one of the industries hir most severely by the economic recession. It will remain also

recession. It will remain also in the mining industry which is dominated by the ultra-conservative Mineworkers' Union.

But in future blacks may work legally as passenger. If it attendants—simposed they have done so illegally for years—in all categories of the clothing industry which is largely a black trade anyway, the shoe industry, furniture, the wholesale mean trade and also do certain work in the liquor and catering trade.

Catering trade.

Mr Botha's repeals have not yet gone so far as to make it legal for a black to run a pub in a white area.

Concorde Hight to Singapore today in doubt

By Arthur Reed

Air Correspondent The Concorde flight due to leave London for Singapore this morning was in serious doubt last night because of a dispute which has closed Malaysian airspace to the air-

liner.

Efforts to find a solution were continuing in Kuala Lumpur in talks between the British High Commissioner and the Malaysian Minister of Communications. The Malaysians are said to be incensed that day without sufficient consul-tations with them. Indonesia allowed the Con-

space for three return trips, but day.

Whether or not permission
is forthcoming the Concorde service will be operated
as far as Bahrain. The 45
passengers booked to travel
from London have been warned

Political violence in Turkey claims two lives

From Our Carrespondent
Ankara, Dec 15

A wave of violence in Turkey claimed two lives and injured nearly 60 others roday as the country waited to sees whether the Government of Mr Suleyman Demirel, further weakened by new resignations, would decide to resign.

In Ankara 54 people, most of them left-wing students, were injured this morning when a powerful explosive charge went off in a cafe. Sixteen were badly burt and hospital sources said that two of them were in critical condition.

condition.

Later today Mr Huseyin
Ucar, said to be a member of
the youth organization of Mr
Demire's Justice Party, was
shot dead outside the party shot dead outside the party headquarters. Angry Justice Party followers stormed a building housing the Turkish Chamber of Archinects and Engineers near by, where Mr Ucar's attackers were thought to have sought refuge.

Korchnoi has to settle for draw against Spassky

Belgrade, Dec 15.—Boris Spassky, a pawn down in a diffi-cult end game, salvaged a draw against Viktor Korchnoi in their ninth chees game tonight. Korchnoi now leads 61—21 in the match to decide who will challenge Anatoly Karpov for the world championship. These

were the moves of the game :

Korchnai White, Black: Dutch defence

It's as vital as ever to remember these simple ways to reduce fire risk.



Don't leave children alone... where heating or cooking appliances are in use, and keep matches out of reach.



Check the house at bedtime...

before going to bed, switch off such things as TV sets, radios and portable electric heaters, and pull out the plugs. Check ashtravs for burning cigarettes or pipes. Close all doors.



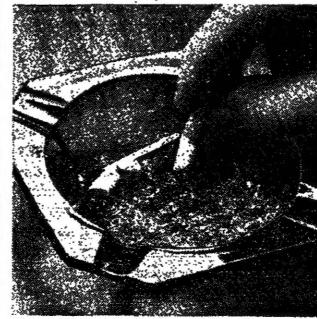
Keep an eye on the elderly...

make sure they take sensible fire precautions, and do not place themselves at risk.



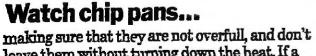
Check heaters...

especially portable ones, making sure they can't be knocked over and are away from furniture or furnishings. And see that nothing is left where it can fall onto a heater.



Don't smoke in bed...

it is a major cause of domestic fires. Always finish your last pipe or cigarette before going into the bedroom, and make sure that it is extinguished.



leave them without turning down the heat. If a pan catches fire, don't throw water on it, turn off the heat, smother the flames with a lid or damp cloth and leave for half an hour.

If fire does break out ...

* Get everybody out and alert neighbours.

* If you live in a flat and have to get out, use the stairs - not the lift.

* See if you can tackle the fire yourself - be prepared by having buckets of water handy or your garden

hose attached to a water supply. Do not use water on electrical fires until you've switched off.

* If things look like getting out of hand, close the door on the fire, dial 999 and ask for assistance. Above all don't risk your life.

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Army agrees to hold up Aquino trial after court's protest

Philippines tonight challenged the rule of martial law and called on the Army to suspend immediately the military trial of Mr Benigno Aquino, the Opposi-Aquino, Mr Aquino, President Marcos's main political rival

was sentenced to death by a military tribuned last mouth, smiled as Mr Fred Castro, the Chief Justice, issued the curt message to the Army tonight. In a sharp attack on the country's military courts, the Chief Justice and the other 10 judges on the bench claimed that the Army had shown a complete lack of respect for justice when the tribunal sentenced Mr Aquina to death, aware that a motion was pending in the Supreme Court. Earlier this month, President Marcos, aware of hostile re-action in the United States to the death sentence, instructed the tribunal to reopen the Aquino trial, but his rival has asked the Supreme Court to restrain the tribunal's powers

Today, after examining the Opposition leader's perition for habeas corpus for four hours, the Chief Justice addressed the Mendeza, who is representing the military cribunal: "I want counsed to listen to this very carefully. It is the unanimous sense of this court that the respondent commission [ri-bunal] refrain from convening or conducting any proceedings until after this court shall have resolved the motion for the issuance of a restraint order. And this court expects the com-

d transfer the case to a

mission to respect this."
Later, Mr Mendoza informed the court that the Army would comply with the request. The Supreme Court will reconvene in 45 days to band down a final ruling on Mr Aquino's ples.
Mr Castro pointed out that the military tribunal had sen-tenced Mr Aouino to death on perition for habeas corpus. The military commission showed a lack of respect and it was apparently unaware that one suprema In a further blow to the pres-ige of President Marcos,

Mamla, Dec 15

Claudio Techankee, commented
The Supreme Court of the on the tribunal's surprising speed in sentencing Mr Aquino to die before a firing squad.
"Can you tell us why the Military commission acted in such haste?" he asked Mr Mendoza. Further, was a military tribunal capable of providing civilian political detainees with a fair

> military commission which carries out marathon hearings in between its military duties cannot be expected to give the accused his judicial rights" he commented.

This case was pursued with huste and ended abruptly. The military tribunal acted as though there was no restrain-ing order pending in the Supreme Court."

Mr Justice Autonio Barredo said he had been deeply shocked by the tribunal's deci-sion. "A petition was pending in the Supreme Court and it was ignored," he told the Solici-tor General While President Marcos had instructed the same tribunal to reopen the trial, he

had not set the sentence aside.

This, the judge pointed out, placed Mr Aquino in double jeopardy. Since his trial was to be reopened, he could not now lodge an appeal with a civilian court. Under the normal procedure, his conviction would be reviewed by a military court of reviewed by a military court of appeals. If the sentence was upheld, then he could bring his case to the Supreme Court, Mr.

"Everything is unusual. We are talking about the authority of this court and we now find that the right of the petitioner to appeal to this court is in the hands of the President."

Mr Aquino was found guilty of murder, subversion and the illegal possession of arms. All of the alleged offences were committed before Mr Aquino a former sensitiv was excepted.

a former senetor, was arrested five years ago when President Marcos imposed martial law on the country, the court was told. Seven of the judges claimed that Mr Aquino had been prevented from presenting his final that Mr Aquino had been pre-vented from presenting his final defence statement before being sentenced to death. Mr Men-doza replied that Mr Aquino had refused to recognize the jurisdiction of the tribunal and had waived his right to defence counsel and his right to address the court.

Headway in Salisbury talks is claimed

From Our Own Correspondent Salisbury, Dec 15 Talks between the Rhodesian Government and three internally-based nationalist movements today continued to dwell on the Government's insistence on a "blocking third" of votes in a future parliament and for other constructional safeguards. Government and three intern-At the end of today's meeting the fifth since the talks started at the beginning of this

month Mr Ian Smith, the Rhodesian Prime Minister, declared: "We are making headway." Then he added, and that's an absolutely truth-

A joint communique stated that "further progress" had been made in discussions on parliamentary representation and constitutional safeguards. After the agreement on Mon-After the agreement on Mon-day to have a rotating chairman, roday's session was chaired by the second vice-president of the United African National Coun-cil, the organization led by Bishop Abel Muzorewa.

The communique also stated that all delegations expressed concern that the principle of confidentiality had been breached and agreed that it should be adhered to in future, This was a reference to This was a reference to today's Zimbabase Times—which carried a text of a position paper prepared by the ANC (Sithole) on Mr. Smith's demands for constitutional safe-guards. This document stated that to entrench these safeguards in a constitution would turn a future perliament into a "school debating society"

The Smith regime mounts a propaganda campaign to halt the steady drain of whites leaving the country

Rhodesia counts its blessings

From Nicholas Ashford Salisbury, Dec 15 "Who'd swop Borrowdale for Birmingham", proclaimed a large advertisement in the Rho-desian Sunday Mail the other day. The advertisement showed a picture of a pretty, blonde all-Rhodesian young girl in an all Rhodesian young girl in an idyllic rural setting, representing Salisbury's linsh garden suburb of Borrowdale, and contrasted it with a number of anguished shots of children supposedly living a miserable existence in Rirmangham. This child, said the caption to one "Birmingham picture", wishes the sun would sometimes shine for her. Another picture showed a group of children behind a wire mesh fence. "They wish they had a world without fences to play in", the caption declared. The advertisement is part of a Government campaign to stem the flow of white Rhodesians leaving the country. The campaign reflects official concern at the increasing number of people who are deciding to pack their bags and take the "chicken run" out of the country. During the first 10

the country. During the first 10 me country. During me hist to months of this year there was a not loss of 9,295 white people, almost twice as in the same period last year and the highest outflow since 1964, the year before independence was declared.

They are leaving for a man-ber of reasons, of which the growing intensity of the guer-ulla war is the most

important.
To contain the growing incursions by Patriotic Front guerrillas, all white men under

the age of 38 have to spend a half of each year serving in the security forces. Older men also have to do their share of call-up duty in what is now referred to as "Dad's Army".

Most would not object to this call of duty if they felt that a political settlement was in night and that they could look forward eventually to a peaceful and prosperous future in Rhodesia. Instead they see a prospect of more war, more hardship and a declining economy.

Many have decided to get out now. They take the road south to the Beit bridge border post and then head for South Africa, Britain or, perhaps, Australia Canada, the United States or even Latin America.

Many more people probably would have decided to leave were it not for the stringent currency regulations which allow emigrants to take only about £700 with them in additional them. rion to their household effects.
The Government's advertising campaign is designed to warn intending emigrants that the grass is not necessarily greener in foreign fields.

It extols the attractions that lured many whites to Rhodesia in the first place. More than half of the country's 260,000 whites have settled in Rhodesia since independence.

"It is not just the wide open spaces we have in Rhodesia or our high standard of education,

or even our sunshine climate one advertisement says. "It's a whole way of life which your children have a right to enjoy, a life without the

rude which is so common in the world today."

of the perils and hardships potential emigrants could face in the various countries they might choose, In England, they are told, 43 per cent of the under 25s are unemployed and inflation is raging at a "stag-gering 17.7 per cent." In Canada there are almost

insurmountable immigration formalities, rising unemployment and "the ever-existent conflict between the French and English-speaking population" In Australia farming costs

are rising, commodity prices declining and beef producers are falling deeper into debt. Even in that well-known tax haven, Jersey, settlers would have to spend about £100,000 to buy a house. Britain, the country from

which most Rhodesians originate and where they can most easily go back, is por-trayed as a grey, wer, miserable strikes are endemic. One advertisement shows

being a row of grimy terraced houses and a multiracial bus queue. Another, designed to counteract the lure which par-ties in Earls Court or the flesh pots of Soho might have on Rhodesian youth, says that half of Britain's school-leavers will not have jobs to go to this year and that living conditions in Britain are enough to

Joint Anglo-Argentine studies of Falklands

By Our Foreign Staff
The British and Argentine Governments have agreed to form two joint working parties facing the Falkland Islandssovereignty, which is claimed development for the islands and their 1,900 inhabitants.

The agreement was reached at three days of ministerial talks in New York, led for Britain by Mr Ted Rowlands, Minister of Staate at the Foreign Office. When the talks ended yesterday Mr Rowlands agreed that forming the working groups represented neither a speeding-up nor a slowing-down of progress

"We are trying to find a method of reconciling two irreconcilable positions," he reminded reporters in New York. As an afterthought he asked them to insert "almost" before "irreconsilable". It is understood that Mr George Hall, assistant under secretary at the Foreign Office, is to be joint chairman of the

sovereignty group. The econo-mic group will be jointly chaired by Mr Richard Burrows, another assistant under secre the Edls in New York.

Mr Hall was the British delegate and chairman of the Antarctic treaty conference held

in London in September and October. His handling of the very complicated issues at the conference was well received by delegates of the 13 treaty powers, particularly the repre-sentatives from Argentina. The Antarctic treaty was signed in 1959 and the 13 coun-

tries involved agreed not to raise the question of sovereignty

over their respective territorial claims until 1991. Observers of the Falklands scene have often drawn a parallel between the ereignty issue facing the islands and it has been suggested in ment over the islands should be made. This would in effect freeze any claim to sovereignty for a given period of years, perhaps until the end of the

An alternative solution which has also been discussed is some kind of "lease back" system simalar to Hongkong. Mr Rowlands is now flying

to Brazil for a meeting with some of the newly elected mem-bers of the Falkland Islands Legislative Council.

Although still unconfirmed, it is possible that the new Governor of the Falkland Islands, Mr Parker, may accompany his councillors to Rio de Janeiro.

Mr Rowlands will evaluit to Mr Rowlands will explain to theislands' representatives what has taken place in New York and once again assure then that there will be "no sell out"

of this one remaining British colony in the South Arlantic. Question in Lords: Lord Mordis tabled a question in the House of Lords yesterday ask-ing the Government what The Times newspaper's assertion of December 3 that Britain is anxious to get rid of the [Falkland] Islands as of all its remaining colonial possessions", and thus adleviate the obvious distress which the report has caused".

He expects to receive a writ-

ten answer within the next few

Fraser clash likely on uranium ban Iranian general sentenced

Melbourne, Dec 15.—Australia's trade union organization today recommended a ban on all uranium exports, setting the stage for a clash with the Government.

The executive of the Austra-lian Council of Trade Unions (ACTU), which represents 1,800,000 workers in 132 unions, proposed a poll of members of the 23 unions involved in the mining and transport of uranium to endorse its ban. Uranium workers will vote on-

th nuclear fuel, withdrawal of labour and a ban on supplies to uranium mines. The poll is ex-pected to be concluded by the end of January. The union move came only five days after Mr Malcolm Fraser's conservative coalition

victory over Labour. If the urenium workers confirm the union ban, the Govern-ment would face a direct chal-lenge to its authority and po-sible violence if it went ahead with its threat to use troops and naval equipment to ship

won reelection in a landslide

supplies to Japan and West Burope.
The recommended ban follow a decision by delegates at its biennial conference in Sydney three mouths ago for a 12-mouth moratorium on uranium mining and a call to the Fraser Government to hold a national referendum on the

Mr Freser rejected the refer endum demand and government sources reported contingency plans to use troops to handle supplies of uranium oxide (yellowcake) in unions attempt

to death for spying Teheran, Dec 15.-The offi- his trial, apparently in secret,

ial newspeper Rastakhiz said today that an Iranian Army general had been sentenced to death for spying for "aliens" and that a civil servant would shortly face similar charges. The paper said Major-General Abmed Mogarrebi had been

convicted by a military court and that his appeal would be heard on Sunday.
It did not say when the general was arrested or when took place.
The civil servant, named as
All Nagi Rabbani, would be tried by a civilian court on Monday on spying charges, the newspaper said. Mr Rabbani

was an Education Ministry offi-cial who had also served in the Scouts organization. An Information spokesman said the hearings in both cases would be held in

public and journalists were free

Anti-Amin call for boycott of Ugandan coffee New York, Dec 15

Mr Lukonwa Bingisa ormer Attorney-General Uganda today called for an international boycott of Ugandan coffee as a protest against the brutality of President Amin's regime.

He said that Uganda had earned \$360m (£200m) from coffee exports to the United States in the past two years. Britain and West Germany were the two other most important

In brief Brezhnev illness said to be flu

Moscow, Dec 15.—President Brezhiev was absent again to-day when the Supreme Soviet (Parlament) went into the second day of its three-day winter session.

Mr Brezhnev missed the

ng of the session yester day. Diplomats said it was possible that he had been told to rest completely for a few days after an exhausting Central Committee session, but unofficial Soviet sources said he had influenza:

Fast lane to Jupiter

Washington, Dec 15.—The American space probe Voyager-1 has overtaken Voyager-2, launched 16 days earlier on August 20, about 77,000,000 miles from Earth on its way to Jupiter, the National Aero-nantics and Space Administra-

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Hongkons, Dec 15.—North Korea today elected Mr Li Jong Ok as its new Prime Minister, to succeed Mr Pak Sung Chri. Marshal Kim II Sung, the party leader, re-elected President.

Polanski term starts

Santa Monica, California, Dec 15.—Roman Polanski, the film director, will go to prison tomorrow to undergo a 90-day psychiamic sundy after pleading gully to unlawful sexual intercourse with a schoolgiri.

Plane gratitude

Tokyo, Dec 15.- Japan is to give a passenger aircraft worth 13.3m to Bangladesh in token of the Dacca Government's efforts towards solving the October hijacking of a Japanese airliner.

Croats jailed

New. York, Dec 15 .- Three Croatian nationalists were given jail terms of four to seven years for shooting their way into the Yugoslav mission to the United Nations in June in an attempt to take the ambassador hostage.

Crown handover date Washington, Dec 15.—The United States will return the Crown of St Stephen to Hun-Party during ceremonies in Fudapest on January 6 and 7, the State Department an-

State workers strike Delhi, Dec 15.-About 900,000 government employees have gone on strike over pay in the state of Maharashtra, affecting hospitals, schools, courts and terement offices.

Detention extended

Moscow. Dec 15.—The Soviet authorities have agreed to the extension for six months of the police investigation of Mr Anatoly Shcharansky, the detained Jewish dissident, his mother said here

Exiled dissident dies

Paris, Dec 15.—Mr Alexander Galich, one of the Soviet Union's best-known political dissenters, has died in his flat here at the age of 59, family friends reported.

Troops shot for failing to end Asmara siege

From Don Conneil North of Asmars, Dec 15

Deserters from the besieged city of Asmara the capital of Eritrea province, say that its
Ethiopian defenders have carried out many executions of centre of Asmara strewn with the bodies of 15 people shot be failure to bear the singe. the failure to break the siege.

More than 150 officers and men were shot in a few days last month, according to Lieu-tenant Gebremichail Tsadik, who said he deserred to the Eritrean independence forces surrounding the city because he feared he would soon be caught up in the purge.

Defectors and civilian refu-

Defectors and civilian refu-gees say that Asmara, which has a population of 200,000 is hard pressed. There is no electricity, the water supply has stopped; food, fuel and medicine are scarce; and all the trees in the parks have been chopped down for fire-wood.

death squad called the "Afagae" — Ambaric for stranglers".

Abdela said that on November

three associates will receive six

strokes each
Mr Lam was charged with
illegally possessing a revolver
and ammunition. The others
were accused of being in the
company of a man in possession
of a company of a man in possession

Charges of armed robbery.
dishonestly retaining stolen
property and wrongfully confining passengers and crew
were taken into consideration
by the court in pronouncing

Indement.

The decision to try the four men here has strained relations

Defectors say that combat units from South Yemen, technicians from South Yemen, tech-nicians from the Soviet Union and doctors from Cubs are help-ing the besiegad Ethiopian forces in Asmara. Lieutenant Tsadik said he had seen South Yemeni tank crews, wearing unmarked uniforms, in action south of Asmara in September.

Eritrean guerrillas, who have been fighting for independence since 1961, have made large gains this year. Asmara has been under siege since October 12, when guerrillas of the Eritrean People's Liberation Front cut the road to the Red Ses port of Musawa.

A second querrilla force, the A second guerrilla force, the Eritrean Liberation Front, also holds positions around Asmara.

Vietnamese hijackers given

14 years' jail in Singapore

Deserters and refugees say civilians are being killed at random every day by a roving

Vieznamese hijackers were each failed for 14 years and ordered to be caned after they pleaded

guilty to arms charges in the High Court here today.

The four men seized an Air

Vietnam DC3 aircraft on a domestic flight and forced it to fly to Singapore in October

after killing two members of the crew. They pleaded for leniency, but the court ruled that the circumstances of the

case demanded the maximum

The leader of the four, Lam Van Tu, aged 28, told the court

that they had staged the hijack to escape from suffering in their communist homeland. He was ordered to be given 12 strokes of the cane, while his

Drugs jail term

cut in Bangkok

after guilty plea

From Our Correspondent Bangkok, Dec 15

penalty.

Protest by France over seized nuns

Buenos Aires, Dec 15 strong representations to the Argantine military Government by the French Embassy here. It has also aroused the concern of the Roman Catholic library in France.

bierarchy in France.
The two nuns, one of whom is connected with church efforts here to trace persons abducted since the military coup, are Anne Marie Domon, known as

Anne Marie Domon, known as Sister Alicia, aged 41, and Léonie Duquet known as Sister Léonie, who is 62.
Sister Alicia assists Mgr Jorge Novak, the Argentine Bishop of Quilmes in an "ecumenical movement" which tries to help trace missing persons in Argentina. She was among 10 or 15 people seized by heavily-semed meo at a church here last Thursday after a weekly demonstration outside Government House by mothers of missing persons.

sing persons.

Sister Léonie, who is not connected with the search for abducted with the search for abducted persons, assists the Argentine Bishop of San Justo. She was reported to have been abducted from her home over the weekend by four unidentified men driving an

unidentified men driving an unmarked car.

Last night the French Ambassador, M François de la Gorce, delivered a "very firm" note reminding the Argentine Government of its duty under the Vienna Convention to inform foreign embassies of the detention of foreign citizens. In addition, Mgr Louis Panafieu, the French Bishon of Annecy and president of the Annecy and president of the French Episcopal Committee on Relations with Latin America is flying to Argen-

The disappearance of the nuns and that of several relatives of other missing persons during the past week is during the past week is thought to be an attempt to insimidate relatives from demonstrating outside Government House today.

Buenos Aires, Dec 14.—The French Embessy here believes that the nuns were, in fact, arrested by policemen in plain clothes.—Agence France-Presse.

between the two countries, with Hanoi calling off the visit of a Vietnamese trade delegation to Singapore last month. Singapore officials are hopeful, however, that today's stiff sentences could repair some of Mr Carter admits defeat

on energy legislation

Washington, Dec 15 President Carter at last ad-Richard William Raymond, a mitted today that he was not going to get an energy Bill out 32-year-old Australian, was sentenced today to seven years' going to get an energy Bill out of Congress this year. He put the best face he could on it, telling a press conference of his other legislative achievements this year, but the moral equivalent of war", as he described the energy crisis last spring, has defeated him.

The joint House-Senate committee which has been trying to resolve the question of the imprisonment for having 49.3 grams of heroin in his posses-sion for sale but because he had pleaded guilty the sen-tence was reduced to three and

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a half years.

Mr Raymond said he bought the heroin for £170 in northern Thailand. "Up there it is as easy to buy as candy", he said.

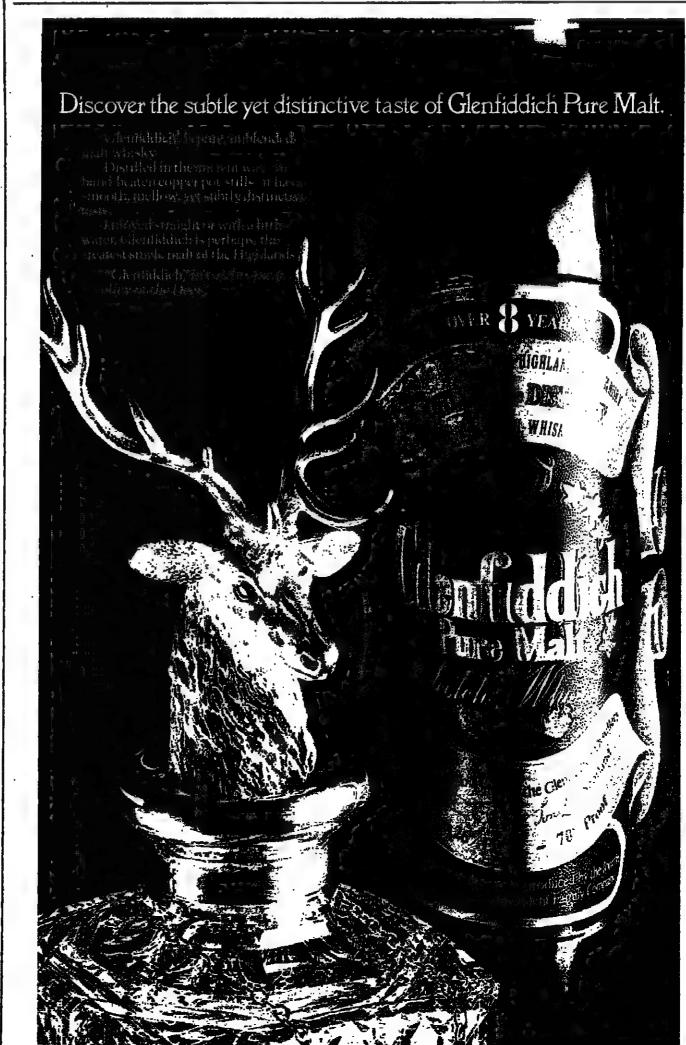
There are now 70 white people, 10 of them women, imprisoned or away in Theiland for drug affects are in Theiland. mittee which has been trying to resolve the question of the price of natural gas, adjourned last night sine die. The other joint committee, which was attempting to settle the level at which oil should be taxed, was already adjourned, waiting for the gas question to be settled. for drug offences in Thailand. They include six British.
Rita Nightingale, the British woman sentenced last week to 20 years in prison in Eangkok

for attempted drug trafficking, will appeal against the consettled.
They may do some work over viction, her lawyers said today.

seems unlikely. The whole issue will therefore be awaiting Congress when it reconvenes on January 19. It is not just that House and Senate cannot agree. The

senators on the conference committee are split equally, nine to nine, on the question of whether the price of natural gas ought to be deregulated. The energy committee of the Senate, the finance committee and the Senate itself all failed to agree. and Senate leaders, therefore decided to shove the whole question on to the conference with the House of Representa-

The three easier of the five parts of the energy Bill have been agreed by this method, at least to the committee's sans-faction. The two main problems.



Mr Callaghan states Czech has been embroidering story

Stephen Hastings (Mid Bedfor raising matters connected with Mr Frolik in the House on Wed-nesday night, after the Frime Minister had said his speech had been calculated to do a lot of damage, and that the allegations He has not enswered that. I shall make all materials in my hands available to such an inquiry. Mr Callagham—I would not expect Mr Hastings, knowing him, to make any apology, but if he has any information, as he now says, he should have done the proper thing and communicated it to me, instead of going across the floor of the House in the way he did, skulking behind parliamentary privilege to attack people outside. (Labour Cheers.) made had been looked into two or The matter was raised during Prime Minister's questions by Mr Wyn Roberts (Conway, C) who asked: Could Mr Callaghan confirm today's press report that the Government already have the Frolik tapes about which Mr Foot seemed to know so little last night? It would be right and fair to have an independent inquiry so Cheers.)
During later questions on future business later, Mr Eric Heffer (Liverpool, Walton, Lab) said Mr Hastings had been invited to discuss the matter with him on a television programme but had refused to do so. cheers.) to have an independent inquiry so that persons named can have an apportunity to clear themselves. refused to do so.

Mr Cranley Onslow (Woking, C)
asked the Leader of the House—It
will be recalled that a matter
which arose out of the Frolik statement yesterday was a clear conflict
of evidence between the Czech
defector and the previous Prime
Minister as to whether John Stonehouse was or was not a Czech spy.
Is it not a matter that should be
cleared up?

Air Callaghan—There is, as is well-known in this House, no minis-terial responsibility for press reports. Ministers are not required to answer for them. I was extre-mely surprised by the allegations made. Mr Hastings said he had been considering the matter for losse was or was not a Creen spy.

Is it not a matter that should be cleared up?

Will be come forward soon and undertake that there will be an inquiry by the Security Commission into all matters concerned with that issue?

Mr Michael Foot, Lord President of the Council—If the Opposition were serious in wanting an inquiry on these matters, they would not have chosen the method of raising them which they did.

Mr Dennis Skinner (Bolsover, Lab)—There seems to be a swarm of requests from Opposition MPs for investigations and inquiries concerning a book which is having difficulty in selling.

Can we have an inquiry concerning one which is selling—Charles Raw's about Slater Walker? That will reveal a few things about that lot. (Conservative protests and Labour laughter.)

Mr Foot—I hope that in his eagerconvention, which is usually accepted, though not by one or wo, that MPs do not raise these matters across the floor unless there has been previous discussion.

I have nothing to comment on the allegations at all except to say that I think it disgraceful that members of the public should be put at risk in this way by these kind of allegations, made without

Mr Eric Heffer (Liverpool, Walton, Lab)—Has Mr Callaghan had an opportunity to read the Dally Mall today and the column by Mr Andrew Alexander who rightly says that this speech by Mr Hastings was a very silly speech? Mr Callaghan—Perhaps it was a silly speech but it was deliberately calculated to do a lot of dumnge. Otherwise it would have been

ness to discuss the second book he is not going to give too much advertisement to the first.

Mr Francis Pym, Opposition spokesman or Commons affairs (Cambridgeshire, C)—It is not right to try to impugn the honour and intentions of MPs. (Labour protests.) Will he answer the point just raised by Mr Onslow, which was relative to the previous Prime Minister? Otherwise it would have been intended to raise it to protect national security and Mr Hastings would have come to me privately, expressed his views, and asked me to investigate. The matter could then have been cleared up.

These matters were looked into two or three years ago and recently Mr Frolik has been embroidering the original story he told when he was debriefed some years ago. It is a way of keeping himself in the public eye. From time to time he manages to get the press interested and to catch one or two Conservative MFs.

Mr Stephen Hastings—I make no apology whatever for raising this that to raise matters of this kind on an adjournment is the proper way, particularly when the names of individual citizens are going to of mentioned?

If that is to be, then an opportunity might be given whereby they would be able to reply immediately. He should think over the fair play involved and sort out that question before he questions me on it.

Market prospects for British aircraft and aero-engines: four-year plan for Rolls-Royce reaches ministers

ng which backbench MPs raised

ting ended at 10.31 am.

The debate on aerospace programmes was initiated by Mr Ronald Thomas (Bristol, North, West, Lab) who said there was considerable apprehension and frustration among aircraft workers who wanted an assurance from the Government that everything conceivable was being done to ensure that British Aerospace factories got a sizable chunk of the new market. They would not begin to tolerate the publicly-owned aerospace industry becoming some sort of subcontractor of the Americans or anyone else.

Mr Norman Tebbitt (Waltham Mr Norman Tebbitt (Waltham Forest, Chingford, C) said Boeing, the American company, had been flexible and was able to contract and expand with the market. It built aeroplanes for customers and did not engage in occupational therapy for workers. They were successful and he would rather be a worker for them than for British Aerospace.

Mr Terence Walker (Kingswood, Lab) said at a time when they were

PM's advice

and politicians

of the judiciary were anti-Labour and anti-union, Mr Bruce Grocot

said during questions to the Prime Until the judiciary comes

ary then the normal course is to

I recommend also that we should

beware of trying to embroil the judiciary in our affairs with the corresponding cavest that the judiciary should be careful about embroiling themselves in our affairs. (Conservative interrup-

to judges

dence to purchase them? To buy aircraft from America was going close to economic suicide and would result in lost jobs and job

It was virtually ready and would give the British taxpayer a pretty spood prospect of a good return because of the market research was not going to be economically feasible. It would cost £100m more Mr Leslie Buckfield, Under Secretary for Industry (Nuneaton, Lab) said British Airways was beginning to replace some of its older aircraft. It had reached the position where it must shortly take a decision on short and medium haul

sion on short and medium half aircraft of about 130 seets. British Aerospace had been approached for a quotation on the same basis as other manufacturers. The British Airways Board had to seek government approval. The Government would take account of all the wider implications on the mational interest and particularly the interests of the British aerospace industry before coming to a decision.

The industries recently agreed The industries receiving agreed on the next stage of these studies. A decision to launch any new project must depend on satisfactory market prospects and satisfactory arrangements for financing and work sharing. work sharing.

The next stage of these studies did not carry a commitment to launch any new project and by extension did not ultimately exclude any project from consideration at the end of the day.

Whether they went for a new design rather than a derivative of an existing ancraft was in the first place a matter for British. Aerospace's commercial indigment.

Collaboration on civil aircraft projects was one of the items discussed by the Prime Minister and the French President earlier this week.

We have no wish (Mr Huckfield

to the two Governments.

There had been the recent opening up of two new routes. He hoped that would encourage more airlines to consider operating Concorde services. He hoped that would have an effect on the demand for Concorde in future. They would keep in touch with the French in developments in this sphere but they felt that for the time being priorities must lie in the subsquic sphere.

The HS 146 was a project for the subsonic sphere.

The HS 146 was a project for which collaboration was not essential brit would be welcome. They were still proceeding with the present preliminary programme while further evaluation on the 146 and other civil aircraft options continued.

continued.

They hoped to make a firm recommendation to the Government around the end of the year. The Government's decision to keep the project alive in the period immediately after nationalization had made it possible for the HS 146 to be continued.

Rolls-Royce's future business in military engines looked assured for the next few years. In particular the prospects for the RB 199 engine, which powered the Tornado, looked promising and should secure a satisfactory worldoad.

Future sales of the Pegasua engine were heavily dependent on the success of the Harrier, particularly in emport orders, but they were confident that this narcraft would do well and important benefits would accrue to Rolls-Royce.

The civil side of the Rolls-Royce business would continue to depend largely on the RB 211. The original RB 211-22 version which was a

was expected they would continue to sell well into the 1980s.

It was a mark of the Government's confidence that they had shown faith in this important engine development by funding the uprated version—the 524 version—at a time when conditions in the aircraft and aero engine business had been difficult worldwide.

There were signs that airlines Rolls-Royce expected, and he hoped, that the RB 211-524 version—would achieve a fair share of the future aero engine market.

The firm would face intense

competition from its American rivals for this new business. Success in this and all markets would depend largely on producing reliable high quality engines at comable ingn quanty engines of competitive prices.

Progress was being made in improving efficiency and productivity at Rolls-Royce plants. It was necessary for the company to sustain its efforts in all directions with the active cooperation of all completes.

employees.

In the last few days his department had received from the NEB the Rolls-Royce plan covering the period 1978-82. Consideration of this would take some time.

British Aerospace had made an guspicious start. Some valuable endeavours and initiatives had been taken. They should maintain a start of the contract of the contr

Readiness for talks on firemen's

Day
Mr Marlyn Rees, the Home Secretary, said he was still ready to meet representatives of both sides of the National Joint Council for Local Authorities Fire Brigades at any time.

any time.

Mr Ian Gow (Rastbourne, C)—

Does he think there is room in any
formula arranged in the settlement

of this strike to follow up the suggestion made by Mr Whitelaws (Pennith and the Border, C) that part of the deal should be that the FBU would give up the right to smart?

FSU would give up the right to some?

Mr Rees—Whatever the merits of the suggestion—and personally I do not think there are any—negotiations are taking place and I believe they are best carried out across the negotiating pale.

Mr Dennis Skinner (Bolsover, Leb)—Does he accept that when the TUC finance and general purposes committee issued their statement it was a body blow to the liremen? WIII he acknowledge that the TUC General Council can ownthrow this decision on December 21?

Will be twice that into account and accept the advice of Mr Tetrance Parry (FSU general secretary) this morning; and put some more on the table?

Mr Rees—The offer that the local authorities put forward is remarkable, somewhing which I believe is beginning to be understood. Let

the negotiations carry on.

Mr. Philip Whiteliead (Derby, North, Lab)—Many firemen regard the proposals as an honourable basis for the settlement of the dispote. Some parts of the NIC package, while keeping within the guidelines, offer much to some of the firemen, particularly the 42-hour week and all that goas with it.

hour week and all that goes with it.

Mir Reas—The 42-hour week is for regotianion. I am sure that MFs have looked at the feasibility study on the 42-hour week. It does raise a number of issues and obviously it is negotiable.

Mir David Howell, an Opposition spokesman on home sifairs (Guildford, C)—We all want to see the strike and as soon as possible. If it does go on over Curismas, this will be particularly risky for domestic first dangers and a rough time for those having to perform fire-fighting services.

Can be reassure us that those carrying out these duties will have the full equipment available to carry them out efficiently? What further steps are being taken to train the troops to carry out the hasic fire-fighting services and use

train the troops to carry out the basic fire-righting services and use;

the more complex equipment when necessary? Mr Rees—I am sure precautions are necessary. The number of fires has fallen, but is rising again although not to the number before the strike.

On the use of fire-flehting equipment, I am fortunate in having the advice of the chief inspector of fire brigades; I am not in a position of playing politics about 'it. To play about with modern equipment would be a foolish thing to do and I am not prepared to depart from the professional advice I have received.

Bail Act

Mr Brynnor John, Minister of State, Home Office, said in a written reply: The Ball Act cannot be brought into force until rules of court have been made prescribing the procedure to be followed in the High Court, the Crown Court and magistrates' courts. Work on these rules is well advanced and the respective rules committee and raties is well advanced and the respective rules committees are about to be consulted.

Some time must also be allowed for the courts to make the necessary preparations. The Act is likely to be brought into force early next year, but until the rules committees views are known, it is not possible to give a firm date.

Luton case to Court of Appeal for fifth time

Mr Brynmor John. Minister of State. Home Office, said in a defiate initiated by Miss Oonagh McDonald (Thurrock, Lab) during the ail-might stanc on the Conson-dated Fund Bul, that the Home Secretary had decided in the case of Mitchael McMalion and David Cooper, who were convicted of the murder of a Luton sub postmacter in 1970 to set the Cours of America in 1970, to ask the Cou to give an opigion, if they felt able to do so, on the question whether available were tendered in an appeal, the court would regard hemselves as required to receive by virtue of Section 23 (2) of the Criminal Appeal Act. hon. Cooper and Patrick Murpo, had been convicted of the murder in March; 1970, and each sentenced to life imprisonment. Later the Court of Appeal had quashed the conviction against Morphy. The case: of Mr McMahon and Mr

Cooper had already twice been referred to the Court of Appeal, which had refused to quash their With the men's original appeals

consider the facts of the Luon, murder. It would not be right to put them in the position of having to go into the whole matter again on the basis of evidence which, at the end of the day, they might feel unable to receive unable to receive. cumstances of the case, to ask the court to give an opinion. If they felt able to do so, on the question whether if the new evidence were rendered in the course of an appeal the Court would regard themselves

as required to receive it by virtue of Section 23 (2) of the Criminal Appeal Art. He would do this as soon as possible and when he had received the court's opinion would consider further the representations be had received.

It might be that the Home Secre-tary's decision would be inter-preted in some quarters as mean-ing he considered Mr McMahon and Mr Cooper to have been wrongly convicted.

meant noming of the sort. It meant no more than that there was a new consideration of substance which had not previously been before a court and which the Home Secretary was satisfied should be considered by the Court of Appeal and which he could properly refer to them.

Concern at long wait for Gatwick equipment

Lord Oran, Lord in Waiting-The numerate ror-the provision of this equipment at Griwick is dependent upon other developments there. In particular, it is likely that there will be a now elevated control room in the terminal area complex upon which the equipment would be mounted.

It is expected that such a facility would be completed by 1981-82 and this date would accord with the foreseeable operational require-As for other airports, the posi-

The Civil Aviation Authority are

Lord Braye—It is a long time to wait and we might have a bad accident before that at Gatwick. Lord Oram—I do not in any way wish to appear complacent, but I am assured that existing facilities at Gatwick are suitable in terms of

ar Garwick are suitable in terms of the present usage of the airport and the CAA have studied foresee-able use of the airport in reaching a conclusion about this matter. The Earl of kimberley (L)—What would be the cost of the installa-tion of this at Gatwick? Lord Gram—The estimate I had at the time of the earlier question, and I have no indication that there has been a greet change, was £400,000.

Lord Trefgarue, for the Opposition—Has the decision been taken to instal this equipment on the control room to be available in 1981-82?

Lord Gram—The CAA concluded after their study that the installation would probably be necessary. I do not think they have taken any firmer step, but they are instituting a detailed study in the meantime.

The Gun Barriel Proof Bill completed its committee state.

The Gun Barrel Proof Bul com-pleted its committee stage.
The Consolidated Fund (No 2)
Act and Finance (Income Tax Refiels) Act received Royal Assent.
House adjourned, 12.23 pm.

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Today at 11: Christmas adjournment

Amnesty lasts until end of

next year

orawn between integal immigrants who entered by deception and those who came in clandestinely, Dr. Shirley Summerskill, Under-Secretary, Home Office, said. The amnesty provisions would apply to both of those cases until the end of Mr Nicholas Budgen (Wolver-hampton, South-West, C)—Do not these amnesties encourage immi-grants to believe that so long as they can get into this country by one means or another they are likely to be able to remain here, proprintally, another will leastly.

eventually, openly and legally Dr Summerskilf—That is an ignorant question based presumably on ignorance of the facts. (Conservative protests.) The amnesty was introduced for people who had entered by deception as opposed to litegally before January, 1973.

It does not apply to ambody It does not apply to anybody else. The Immigration Act, 1971, put people in jeopardy retrospecti-vely. Nobods in this House would

pprove of remospective legislative powers. All the amnesties for everybody will fluish at the end of next year. After that no amnesty at all will apply. Mr Sydney Bidwell (Ealing, Southall, Lab)—This has been magnified out of all proportion to the numbers it can possibly affect. It simply seeks to put right was expected we were putting right way back in 1973.

Dr Summerskill—That was an in-formed question based on know-ledge of the facts. This decision was made as a result of recent court judgments.

Mr William Whitelaw, chief Opposition spokesman on home affairs (Penrith and the Border, C)—Her reply to Mr Busgen was unreasonable because he put a perfectly sensible and proper question. There is a narrow line, which apparently she draws but few other people do, between deception and illegal entry which many people find difficult to understand. If it be deception or illegal entry, any amnesty of this sort inevitably encourages the belief in people that if they can get into this country by any means they will then be ready to stay. It is damag-

ing to those people who have come here legally and will have much

resentment stirred up against them

Dr Summerskill-This follows court judgments. The whole House would wish to put right irregular-fites of the Opposition's Immigration Act.

hy this action.

Another look at racial incitement laws

events.
Mr Frank Allann (Salford, East, Lab) had asked about the outcome of Mr Roes's consideration of arrangements concerning public meetings and marches, with particular reference to those by racist

Mir Allaum—Since incitement to racial harred is Hiegal, will Mr Rees without further maction han all marches and poblic meetings by the National Front, which admits it is a racialist front, or by any other racialist organization? Mr Rees Incitement is a matter for the law. There were many dis-cussions on this during the passage of the Criminal Law BIN which

amended the law on public order. We are looking at that. I am not as Home Secretary ever I am not as Home Secretary every going to be in the position that I was in in Northern Ireland, of saying I am going to ban a march on a subjective evaluation on my own part, however much I detest the views of the people who are going to march. The best way is to do it through the process of law.

Mr Alan Clark (Plymouth, Sutton, C)—Leaving aside the humbug about milalism, how many members of the so-called Socialist so-called Workers' Party have been charged with violence against the police and how many members of

Mr Rees-He is extremely foolish in his latter remarks. Taking his views for what they are worth, the policy of the National Front—and Mr Clark would know a great deal about that—(Interruptions)— because he has studied the matter.

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Mr Leopoid Abse (Postypool, Lab)—Mr Rees should consider meeding the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act so it would be known to the public that people who organize meedings like Tyndall and Webster have criminal records. and Webster have criminal records.

They have served sentences of imprisonment for offences of vio-lence. It would be wise to alter the

law so that people would under-stand how in the National Front there is a large number of people who are ex-convicts. who are excounts.

Mr Rees—I am picketed by the National Front, and a funny bonch of people they are when you see them at close quarters. As to amending the law, I am looking at

Mr Ivan Lawrence (Burton, C)— There is an urgent case for simpli-fying the law on public order and codifying it so everybody knows

Mr Rees—The Public Order Act is codified. There may be a case for changes there but I do not think there is a major problem in that respect. It is the particular aspect of incitement that we are looking

Call for election deposit to be more than £150

Mr Grocott-It is far too easy to stand for a parliamentary election for just £150 by people, some of whom have not the remotest hope or intention of being elected. Mr John—This is a matter which concerns electoral law and has to be looked at by a Speaker's con-

The deposit for general election ference. It is a great pity agree-candidates was set at the present mem has not been reached about \$150 in 1918. The comparable the setting-up of a Speaker's configure today would be £1,250. Mr Rymnor John, Minister of State, Home Office, said when Mr Bruce Grocott (Lichfield and Tamworth, Lab) suggested the figure should be increased.

Thornaby, Lab)—It is advisable to have a Speaker's conference because the level of the deposit has got so low that frivolous candidates can missing the congruence.

mr ian wriggiesworm (Teesside, Thornaby, Lab)—It is advisable to have a Speaker's conference because the level of the deposit has got so low that frivolous candidates can misuse the opportunity to advertise their own interests in an electron. war jonn—I regard it as a serious matter and I think that a Speaker's conference ought to meet as soon as possible. That can only be done by agreement. Mr John-I regard it as a serious

The keynote of this year's rate support grant seriement was greater stability. Mr Feter Shore, Secretary of State for the Environment, when moving that the RSG order for 1977 covering expenditure totalling £12.53 hm to approved. Two RSG increase orders and the Scottish RSG order were also considered. Mr Shore said there was no reason overall why there should be cuts in the settlement or RSG order required them to do so.

local authority manpower. In arriving at 61 per cent grant, the same as for last year, he had had in mind, above ad, the need to give greater stability to local authority finances, particularly after two

Any system of grant which tried to deal fairly with needs should recognise changing needs and provide for them. It was conceded that there were certain criticisms of the present method and the greatest question was over the assumption that the petern of spending was the best test of need. But what was the alternative? Everybody knew that the idea of need was lighly subjective.

The alternative methods put forward could not at the moment be reasonably adopted. It was admitted that Lundon and the metropolitian districts generally had gained over the past three or four years. A different method had to be found which did not have the defects of the present one while at the same time had advantages. The crucial question was whether those authorities where needs were growing in proportion to their population were getting a sufficiently subanced share of the

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That would mean automatically that authorities with falling needs in proportion to their population would be getting a reduced share. There would and should be changes in grant where the needs assessment showed that an authority's needs a head of population were changing in relation to other authorities.

The policy of concentrating resources in those areas with the most pressing social and economic problems would be continued in 1973-79. Areas with partnership schemes would all benefit from extra resources. It would be absurd to deny that the areas that laced heavier pressures needed more resources to meet them.

He had decided to moderate increases this year. He did not want cuts in services in 1978-79. He had taken two important steps to limit changes in the distribution of the rate support grant to authorities in 1978-79. First, year-on-year changes in the pathern of grant distribution would be flattened out or "damped". This would be achieved by combining the 1977-78 needs assessment with those for 1975-76, 1976-77 and 1977-78 and using the average for all four as the basis for needs element distribution.

Secondly, the authorities who would otherwise lose most would be protected by a "aftery net".

They had set London's grant endlement in 1973-79 to secure that, if their guidelines were adhered to, the average London's domestic rate bills were over 50 per cent higher on elementers and over 50 per cent higher on average than elementers again of over \$50 - and

national series: Indiana de la contra de bills were over 50 per cent higher on average than elsewhere—a gap of over 550—and he thought it wrong in present economic circumstances for this gap to widen further.

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This did not mean that other authorities would be giving anything to Loudon. Loudon would be allowed to keep more of the benefit of its own ratable resources. Loudon would still lose £270m in clawback which would benefit the rest of the courter.

required them to do so.

Mr Michael Heseitine, Opposition spokesman on environment (Hensley, C) said that in the 1978-79 order there were three false assumptions. The first was that it was right systematically to deprive large sections of the country to help specific other parts; sectord, that cost increases could be contained within the 9 per cant which Mr Shore had put forward; and third that the present progressive analysis system still reflects the correct assessment of local need.

The difference between the grant to Loudon and metropolitan areas and the shire counties meant that there was a fill on shortfall in help to the latter, in one financial year.

there was a \$350m shortfall in help to the latter, in one financial year. By 1574 about 62 per cent of the population lived in the thire counties and received about 62 per cent of the needs element. Today, only three years latter, more lived in the shire counties but their share of the needs element had fallen from 62 per cant to 52 per cent. They could not say that that reflected a fair assessment of what local government need was about the latter.

orities were even more flagrant. Fourteen since counties in 1578-79 would get less cash finan they received two years ago. This was despite dramatic increases in costs and prices since then.

Public restraint should be fairly balanced. What rate increases did the Secretary of State think these areas could look forward to?

Mr Shore—I am imposing no limitation on the kind of rate increases which individual authorities may wish to have to take. It is for them to decide in the light of the value they put on their services.

Mr Heseltine—We can have price and wage restraint and massive taxes but on rates he has no interest. If ever I heard an abdication of responsibility by the man responsible for local government that will take a lot of besting.

Mr Cledwyn Hughes (Anglesey, Lab) said the total share of local government expenditure borne by the Exchequer was to remain the same, but a much bigger share of the same overall sum was to go to London, and this necessarily which the Chamcellor of the Ex-

Lab) said the total share of local government expenditure borne by the Exchequer was to remain the same, but a much bigger share of the same overall sam was to go to London, and this necessarily meant less for other authorities. He was told that the consequences in cash terms would be that Gwynedd would receive about £1,250,000 less next year than it would have done on last year's formula.

The level of personal income in Gwynedd was the lowest for any

beyond its control.

Sir Derek Walker-Smith (East Hertfordshre, C) said shire counties were being forced to continue in the pattern of accumulating losses established in the past few The position was basically unsa-tisfactory. The RSG formula should be revised to relieve the counties of the numericed borden they had to impose on their rate-

payers. Mr John Forrester (Stoke-on-The keynote of this year's settlement was greater stability. He believed that local authorities would be able to maintain their standards of service in 1978-79 with rate rises on average in single large cities within their bound-

Complaints about rates burden

The anomalies among local auti-orities were even more flagrant. Fourteen sike counties in 1878-79 would get less cash than they received two years ago. This was despite dramatic increases in costs and prices since then.

The level of personal income in Gwynedd was the lowest for any area in England and Wales. The only justification for the policy now proposed would be that the problems and hardshops of the London area were much greater than those of Gwynedd. Gwynedd was prepared to bear some sacrifices, but there were factors in the area which were beyond its control.

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The great majority of authorides Often the disparities in rates would be able to maintain their were reflected in wages earned in

thrust on the shire counties

It. The shire counties were not pre-pared to take more than their take share of the bunden. They were not prepared to suffer a fourth year of continuing distribution against them. He would wote against the order.

Mr David Steddart (Swindon, Lab) said there were facts of rural deprivation which must be taken into account. into according.

Mr Stephen Ross (Isle of Wight, L) cald the constituents were in a despense situation and to add insult to injury would have so pay more for their water this coming year because of equalization. Could they have a direct subsidy such as Lomino seemed to have got?

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The district councils were talking about booking new office
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ignoren populanen growth and decline and it was based on a view of the capacity to control inflation which the Chancellor of the Exchequer (Mr Healey) held but no county treasurer in the conory agreed with.

Mr John Cartwright (Greenwich. Woolwich, East, Lab) said that in Lombon they had the chastic ingredients of the big city problematory of the big city problematory and the same time as the rate base was declining.

The population was falling and the resources were declining because of the departure of in dustry and the decline in the commercial operations. This sort of singuion more than justified London's share of the rate support grant going up.

Mr Wyn Roberts (Conway, C) said he shared the view of the Association of County Councils that the difference between London's share of the needs grant and that of other

difference between London's share of the needs grant and that of other areas was far larger than could be justified to the grounds of need. The Goramment were deliberately robbing the rural Pener to pay the urban Paol. MMT Daylod Thomas (Meriodeth, Pl Cymru) said there was a net iransfer of resources out of Wales. He and his colleagues were not satisfied that the reallocation of resources being made in it was based on objective need. Mr Stanley Newas (Harbow, Lab) said there was a considerable body of evidence to demonstrate that the treeds formula did not provide justice for counties where the population

justice for counties where the pop-clarion was increasing rapidly. This was the case in much of East Anglia.

Demands for fish conservation measures Si-mile exclusive zone was com-

There must be an overall fisheries policy for the Community, with control measures which were seen to be sufficient and equivable, Mr John Corrie, rapporteur for the Committee on Agriculture, said.

In Corrie (North Aynshire and Buc, C), presenting the committee on Agriculture, said that a common fisheries policy was the only answer for the industry throughout the Community. Communities must have power of any discount of conservation policy.

The only foolproof method of conservation was to heems boats and skippers, and to control how, where and when they fished, as well as what they fished for.

The committee's report proposed that much greater use should be maintained in the med to establish conservation must be paid to the problems of local communities alreedy dependent on the fishing industry, and the need to establish conservation was to heems boats and skippers, and to control how, where and when they fished, as well as what they fished for.

The committee's report proposed that much greater use should be maintained in 1978 or even beyond than.

The Commission seemed to have taken a step backwards by moving the report recognized that cer tain member sinte exclusive zones. However, it said much greater attention must be paid to the problems of coal communities alreedy dependent on the fishing industry, and the need to establish conservation as to heems boats are the council of Ministers, the agreement on a European fisheries policy was indispensible. Internal agreement was a perequisite for agreement was not a European fisheries policy was indispensible. Internal committee in the council of Ministers, the agreement with infrid countries. If there was not a European fisheries policy was indispensible. Internal countries of policy in a perequisite for agreement was a perequisite for agreement was a perequisite for agreement was not a European fisheries policy was indispensible. Internal countries in the council of Ministers, the countries of the countries in the council of the problems of the problems of the

pout because the dant. I was one cutside the St-mile tim.
Mr Olav Gundelsch, Commissioner for agriculture and fistories, said that he still considered it was prosible to have an agreement with iceland.

To bring about certainty inside the Community, and for dealing the Coamunity, and for dealing with the external regordations, there must be a Council decision

there must be a Council decision on a fishing regime.

Licensing of fishing limits should be administered by the Community but course would be Community but control would be for national governments.

Some of the countries unich had been rejuctant to agree to the Community continuing fisting in their waters, he is leclared or Canada, had examinated it en anxiety to have the Community to have the Community to have the Community open its markens to term. There was a balancing set in undertow. The disting possibilities for Community Estermen night he jeopardized if they gave away their trade possibilities.

MPs insist on some increase in EEC budget for 1978

European Parliament Strasbourg

Parliament clashed with the Coun-Parliament clashed with the Coun-cil of Ministers when it approved a draft general budget for the Community for 1978 which con-tained increases which the Council of Ministers and the European Council had rejected earlier in the The main voting, on the regional

ine main voting, or the regional fund, resulted in the addition of one million units of account to commitments. The budget now has to be approved by the Council. Bar Michael Shaw (Scarborough, C) rapporteur for the Parliament's Committee on Budgets, said before the voting on the 1978 EEC budget the voting on the 1978 EEC budget that this was an historic day because it was the first time that the budget had been drawn up with the co-responsibility lying with Parliament and the Council of Midisters, and with its adoption being in the hands of Parliament. Because of that, his committee

had sought throughout the discus-sions to build up a method of conciliation and discussion with the Council so that joint agree-ment could be reached. It had not been easy, and at times the discus-sions had been fierce. The system under which Parlia-

The budget committee met last week to decide what amendments it should put back into the budget, but the decisions had to be provistoral because the committee did not know what decisions had been taken by the Council.

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The Council believed that it could not usefully negotiate on the single figure of 580m units of

The system under which Parliament operated was geared to a bygone age. The time limits had been geared to much smaller numbers of amendments, and discussion on the amendments had had to be ou general principles rather than details. He suspected that some of the texts adopted today would have to be cleaned up afterwards. views—first ,the full list of amendments provisionally approved should be resubmitted to Parliament with the regional fund amendments to bring the figure up to the Commission's original proposals, a view he believed was unreasonable because the chances of getting an agreed budget would be small, and second, to keep to

account for the regional fund, but it was willing to be helpful on a wide range of amendments covered by other sectors. Under the cir-cumstances the Committee on Budgets had to respect the problem of the Council and try to help. If conciliation was to work,

er conclusion was to work, a genuine movement towards each other must be made. In the end, agreement would have to be found either now in a spirit of mutual understanding or sometime next year in a spirit of distrust. He had agree the oligiteer doubt are the which not the slightest doubt as to which way he wished to seek agreement. The budget committee's meetings this week brought out two views—first ,the full list of amend-

the 580m UA for 1978 commit-ments with a 1m UA addition. That would be symbolic, indicating that on payments for 1978 the full original sum of 525m UA should be reinstated. The committee had voted 14 to 12, with one abstention, for insisting on having everything. He would abstain on the amendments which wanted the whole take. it was not compulsory in nature.

The Council originally made cuts in payments totalling 447m UA. Parliament restored 378m UA at its If the moderate view prevailed today another 95m UA would be added. That would mean that in all the Council had accepted no less than 335m UA out of the total of 378m UA asked for by the commit-

No one could do more than that. It would be folly to my to get everything just to show Parlia-

son. There must be a genuine willingness by Parliament to my to reach agreement with the Council.

After modification to the draft budget, the Council decided on a figure of \$30m UA for the committeent appropriation for the ment appropriation for the regional fund, and Parliament said that should be raised to the Commission's original figure of 750m UA. 50m UA.

The amendment tabled by the Rudsets asked for Committee on Budgets asked for figures of 525m UA as the payment appropriation for the regional tund, and 750m UA as commitment appropriations. There were, 82 votes in favour, 28 against and 12 whitentiers. abstentions. Because there were fewer than 100 votes in favour #;

was declared not to have been carried.

An amendment from Herr Heinrich Aigner (Germany, C-D) asking for 525m UA for payment appropriations and 58 im UA for commitment appropriations for the regional fund was then carried.

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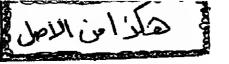
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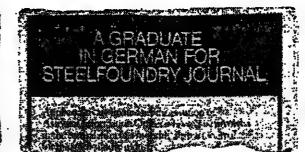
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You could, at a moment's notice, be flown to a trouble spot. Belize, this year, is a good example.

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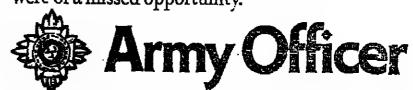
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It would be tragic if your most vivid memory were of a missed opportunity.



Harlow 30 years after: how the dream stands up to reality

of the headquarters of the pub-lishing firm of Longman's, be might find it hard to credit that he was near the heart of a town of more than 80,000 people. Within less than five minutes' walk, and in most cases visible from Longman's, are the following facilities: a cycle track, a boaring centre, an artificial ski slope, a sports centre (with stadium, athletics track, squash courts, etc.), a park and an indoor swimming in many ways a Utopian place

to work. But what is it like to live there? It is now just 30 years since some 6,400 acres of prime Essex farmland, embracing four old villages and around 4,000 people, were designated in 1947 as a site for one of the eight the congestion of London. The architect Sir Frederick Gibberd was commissioned to draw up a was commissioned to draw up a master plan for a town of 60,000 people. In 1952, he produced a revised master plan, increasing the population to 80,000, mainly by building to higher densities.

This plan is now virtually completed. An application to expand the town by a further 764 acres, mainly to accommodate the married children of Harlow's first generation, was rejected in April following a public inquiry held last year. A covered, three-storey shopping centre which would provide the final quarter of the town centre is—apart from an enlargement. is apart from an enlargement of one of the two industrial estates—the only major pro-ject still hanging fire and likely to make a substantial difference

Having been brought up in the vicinity, and having long been fascinated by the British concept (fathered by Ebenezer Howard) of implanting a fully plantage new man on a green a green as treet. plained new town on a green site, this seemed a good time to try to assess to what extent the courage of Harlow's ploneers—both planners and planned—had been vindicated. In the course of six day-long visits over the past 12 months, I have talked to what I hope has been a cross-section of the community.

Abarcromble's Plan for Greater London of 1944 was to create a ring of balanced, self-contsined new towns which would disperse people and industry from the overcrowded capital, and reduce the burden of commuting both on people and on an overloaded transport system. The subsequent New Towns Act of 1946 provided the administrative and financial tools to build them.

now rising 70, Harlow now rising 70, Harlow was lucky to have a master planner of warm humanity, with a deep love of the English lendscape.

"The problem with new towns is that, being built over a short period of time, they lack the visual variety of old towns", he mused at his home on the edge of Old Harlow. "It seemed to me, when working on the original design, that the very beautiful site could be used to give Harlow its dis-tinct individuality."

There was nothing terribly original in the way Sur Frederick planned Harlow as town centre, and two industrial estates; nor in the grouping of housing to form neighbourhoods with their own shopping centres and social services, including schools. These were ideas around at the time, he reminds

What gives the town its per-sonality is the careful use he made of the existing top-ography, with its slopes and valleys, in deciding how the town should be arranged. Existing old houses and trees were equally respected, and some 50,000 new trees have since been planted.
Most towns have a congested

centre which peters out into a loose sprawl at the edges. In Harlow, the landscape belts extend into the town centre from the open countryside.
"Everyone has natural landscape within walking distance,"
said Sir Frederick with pat-

said Sir Frederick with parerial pride.

Many of Harlow's inhabitants have harsh things to say about certain aspects of the town, and some just loathe living there. But most of the population of the population of the population of the population. tion seems to be deeply attached to the green "wedges"

so they are called.

For example, at the main police station at the edge of the town centre, Superiotendent Williams urged me: ** Look out of that window. What a delightful sight! Woods, playing fields. Often we see people on horse-back." Pausing in the rain at a neighbourhood shopping centre Mr Barry Smith, a bookbinder, aged 31, thought that to build on the green wedges now that the expansion plan had been rejected would "ruin the con-cept of the place".

To see children riding, playing with kites or chasing butterflies on those wedges in spring or summer is to see Gibberd's vision bearing fruit, and a moving sight it is. The town as a whole makes a peculiarly harmonious impression, not least when firs, viewed from the A414: it is as planned at the

periphery as at the centre.

Despite all that green, space has not been used prodigally: where Harlow has some 80,000 on 6,400 acres, Woking's 76,000 occupy 15,000, Colchester's 76,000 use 12,000 and Rotherham's 84,000 take 9,000 acres. Even Harlow's critics would near-disaster. "It's the one have to admit that into its building went a great deal of idealism and a great deal of efficiency." In London said Mr Newens,

If a visitor ignorant of Harlow's history and wited stanistics were to look out from the top floor of the headquarters of the publications of the headquarters of the publications of the publication of the headquarters of the publication of the publication of the headquarters of the publication of sweeping powers. These were so effectively used that in 1975 it was able to hand back to the Treasury £9m of accumulated profits from commercial and

indust-ial leaseholds. Harlow Urban District Coun-Harlow Urban District Council was not set up until 1955, when the population was around 26,000, and has been consistently Labour-dominated. "The biggest problem was that in the course of a very short time, we had to provide all the various facilities that other towns have developed over a much longer period", said Mr Alan Medd, the council's bushybrowed, white-haired general manager. The Corporation, which may be wound up around 1980, will be handing over 17,000 houses to the council next spring, and commercial and industrial assets will eventually be transferred to the New Towns Commission.

To what extent does the reality of Harlow reflect the idealism which has gone into its making—symbolized, perhaps, by the high quality sculpture by artists like Moore, Hepworth and Frink with which the Harlow Art Trust has enlivened the townscape?

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One aim, framed to differen-trate new towns from housing estates and suburban develop-ment, was the creation of a self-contained and balanced community for working and living.

Ideally, therefore, a minimum Ideally, therefore, a minimum of inhabitants would earn their living elsewhere. In fact, the total of outwards commuters has risen from 20.8 per cent of the workforce in 1971 to 28 per cent in 1976, according to a Development Corporation survey, and is thought to have increased slightly since—memployment in Harlow is, at 5.4 per cent, slightly above the current average for the South East. East. Of the 11,000-odd commuters,

or the 11,000-odd commuters, some 4,400 worked in London (a striking 17 per cem saying that they did so for the London "weighting on their pay), the rest in such nearby towns as Hoddesdon, Epping and Bishop's Stortford.

One could view this sitter as disappointing or a street of the street of th

as disappointing, or a great as disapponting, or a great improvement on the pattern in London. One who takes the latter view is Mr David Wright, company secretary of Johnson Matthey Metals, and current president of the New Towns Industrial Groups Association. "Eighty per cent of our employees are living within four or five miles of this factory", he said. "Ar our Hatton Garden office, they live within a radius of 30 miles."

vstem. The subsequent New Some of the firm's 200-odd staff who moved to Harlow in 1954 when it was, Mr Wright recalls, still "very much wellies and bicycles", had never seen a cow before. A dozen or

went back, not liking what they found. The flow of workers is twoway: an estimated 6,500 people who work in Harlow live outside; some, because they have always done so, others because they prafer to live in a village or older town, or because they have found it easier to buy a house outside Harlow (the proportion of owner-occupied houses in Harlow is, at 24 per cent, less than half the national average but strowing as tenents. average but growing as tenants buy their rented accommoda-tion). "Employers would feel that insufficient attention has been paid to providing accom-modation suitable for senior and middle management in the town area", said Mr Peter Chalmers-Reid, manager of BP's beautifully situated and

designed office, set up 10 years ago and employing 950 people.

The Development Corporation is reluctant to concede that, as Mr Wright put it, "the management class tends to live in the supposition area. But some of surrounding area. But some of us have found very nice houses

in the town."

At Longman's, Mr Bill Barnett, director of personnel, who lives in the lovely village of Thaxted, had a formula:

"The more senior people are, the further near they live." The more senor people are, the further away they live." The firm's entire board off 11 lives outside, the senior executive, Mr Tim Rix, having stayed on at his Highgate home in north London, only 45 minutes away. Of the engineering staff at Standard Telecommunication Laboratories (part of ITI, 57 per cent live outside at do 50 per cent live outside, as do 50 per cent of laboratory staff and 35 per cent only of supporting staff. "In any urban situation, you will find people who prefer the village life", commented Mr Bernard Perkins, chairman of the Development Corpora-tion, slightly defensively.

Mr Stan Newens, Harlow's left-wing MP, put these middleclass predilections into perspec-tive. "If you live in a country of 56 million people, you need urban development. Not everyone can live in country cottages." He and his large family live in a spacious if arctic old house in Old Harlow, whose redevelopment deservedly won a European Architectural Heritage Year award in 1975.

Although the town gives a somewhat working-class impression, this is misleading: it has higher than average propor-tion of professional and managerial types, as well as of skilled workers, with a below average ratio of unskilled.

Harlow's two main failures will be no secret to anyone who has visited the place frequently. The most serious is the public transport system, which one and all concede to be a

It has been a victous circle, with the bus company (London Country buses, based in Reigate country ouses, based in Reigare
—so handy), saying that
demand was not high enough,
and the lack of buses forcing
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other arrangements. The bus
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from the centre, and it is very
hard to get across town. With
a flat fare of 15n, many people. a flat fære of 160, meny people prefer to spære taxis. At Runcorn, a second generation new town, the master plan was based on a figure-eight bus system which is proving a con-siderable success.

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Car ownership at Herlow has risen slowly to a point where just one thard of all households is without one: frequently (26 per cent of those without), by choice.

The second big failure, it is widely bur not unanimously conceded, is the town centre and its shops. Perhaps the dreariness of all those downmarket chain-stores stems from the same source as the failure of the bus service: the difficulty of building for a town of 30,000 when it still numbered only a quarter or half of that

30,000 when it still numbered only a quarter or half of that. It is one thing for a planner to see that a Brent Cross-type shopping centre might act as a magnet for west Essex, another for the shops to bear the losses while the magnet charges up. At Harlow, there was a dearth of what is apparently called "front-end financing"—providing shops before people.

people.

Gibberd himself laid down the overall design for the centre, on somewhat Festival of Britain lines and pioneering pedestrianization, but some five or six architects and developers were involved in the commercial premises: a desolate series of three-storey buildings occupled by such firms as Buston, Timothy Whites, Manfield, Dolcis, Freeman, Hardy and Willis, Stead and Simpson, John Collier, Boots, Sainsbury, Littlewoods, Marks and Spencer, Woolworth, and Times Furnishing. Spencer, Woolwe Times Furnishing.

A 1976 survey showed a fairly high degree of satisfaction with bigh degree of satisfaction with the food shopping in the centre. But 31 per cent thought non-food shopping was poor, and 13 per cent found it very poor. Among shops most missed were a wider range of clothes shops (especially a C & A branch), a department or super store of some kind, and shops specializing respectively in books, glass, wool and needlework, hardware and do-it-yourself. The number and lack of variety of the shoe shops was widely deplored.

It is no doubt hoped that the building of the Harvey Centra will plug some of mesa gaps, though the refusal of permission by the Department of Environment's inspector for the closure of two streets has been a setback. The public inquiry is however to be reopened. As draw in a large number of besic shoppers, who appreciate being she to park and walk un-barassed by cars, its inade-quacies force thousands of others to drive to Bishop's Stortford, Cambridge, Chemis-ford, Romford, even Breat Cross in north London if the reset in north London if they want more than routine supplies. A compensating factor is that some of the much smaller neighbourhood shopping centres are relatively good for their

The greatest attraction of Harlow for its first generation was the availability of housing, of high quality compared to what they had had to put up with in Hackney, Edmonton or Tottenham; and the quality of the contenham; and the the custom-built primary and comprehensive schools.

It would be pleasant to report that Harlow is full of cheapish housing of high visual appeal or evident architectural merit. It is not, even though to en-courage variety, neighbourkcourage variety, neighbourn-ness and a sense of local identity, Gibberd suggested that groups of roughly 200 houses each should be designed by different architects. "It by different architects. "It says much for the Development Corporation that they were willing to put out over 40 per ceut of the housing to architects in private practice", he commented.

Some of the results are arresting—like the areas known re-spectively as the Casbah and the Coal Hole. Other areas, like Clarkhill, were clearly based on an interesting idea, but the result struck me as un-happy. The overall impression is of a lack of architectural con-fidence, no doubt reflecting the lowly status of the profession in England. But most of the after firm indications that it houses I visited were pleasant, some very pleasant, inside. And that is much more important to

the inhabitants. Two random examples could illustrate the extremes. Mrs Susan Gregory, a nurse aged 23 working for ITT Components, came to the "Casbah" area from Chelmsford 18 months ago with her husband, who was working in Harlow. "We wouldn't have had a chance to get a place we liked in Chelms-ford", she said. "But all the people we got to know here moved out." She finds the design of the block discourages contact. Fortunately the neigh bourhood trauma caused by the underfloor electric heating. which produced bills of £150 a quarter, is over. The system has been switched to gas, and the area has proved remarkably

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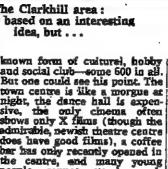
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would do so, is a keen disap-pointment to the town as a Much of the willingness of industry to move to Harlow has depended on good relations with the Development Corporation, where the buck has firmly stopped. A more bureaucratic approach is feared when the New Towns Commission takes over.

Vandalism is a sensitive topic

in Harlow, at the Corporation as elsewhere. There is quite a lot of it, but not as much reports sometimes suggest. " work in a chemists, and the outside) litter bins have been put through the window six times in circe years", said a woman eating soggy chips at Woolworth's, where the gents was out of order yet again "due to vandalism". A youth in the Painted Lady pub described how he used to break into parked cars on a hill and roll them down it. "I'm not a criminal, but there was nothing else to do."

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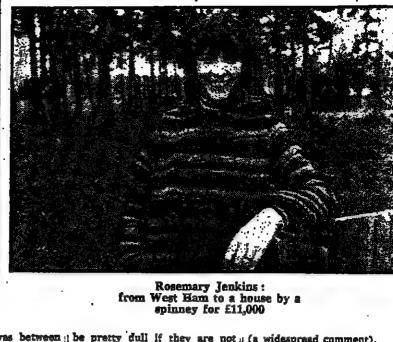
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One man's creative S-F fantasy

Star Wars (u) Dominion/Leicester Square --: (from December 26)

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Shirin's Wedding The Other Cinema ...

If anyone could ever really explain, even post facto, what makes a wild, runaway boroffice success like Star Wars, the film business would be a very different game and our lives, would not be littered, with spin-offs and sequels and counterfeits and daughters-of-Emmanuelle.

Two factors, though, have clearly played a part in the Star Wars miracle. One is that this is a film not made by a committee of accountants try ing to devise a chemical for mula out of the incelculables of box-office attractions, but a or tox-office attractions, but a single person's creative fantasy, which by grace of luck and a Century-Fox, he has been able to realize. George Lucas, the writer-director, belongs to the group and generation (thirty-ish) of Francis Ford Coppole, Martin Scorsese and Steven Spielberg.

Lucas says that even before American Graffin (1973) he had the idee of doing a space fiction movie on the classic, elemental lines of Flash Gordon. Since the rights to Flash Gordon were tied up, he was obliged to research the whole archaeology of science fiction and come up with his own story.

The story—and this is a second major factor in the Star Wars phenomenon—synthesizes a whole body of the roust potent myths on which we have all been reared. Incas's uncompilicated, essential characters become all Luces's uncomplicated, essential characters—heroes, villains, beautiful princess and venerable seer—with their odd dialogue, at once formal, stilted, and comically colloquial, are the very stuff of strip cartoon. But there are much broader references. The golden robot, the hooded midgets in the desert, the great, fearsome, whimpering simian who is navigator of the spacetraft, are none other than reincarnations of the Tin Man, the Munchkins and the Cowardly unachamedly restores all those qualities which film-makers Lion from The Wizard of O2. and essilences have amost for-When the prim gold robot is gotten in their chare after film-makers partner. Artoo Demo, with its expressive range of electronic that hurtles along at such a chirps and grumbles, they are pace that it leaves no time for transformed, again, to Star questions; a world of fantasy and Ollie (and John Williams's so confidently portrayed (lo craft, are none other than rein-carnations of the Tin Man, the witty score even sneaks in a Stor "The Dance of to underline the

The old seer (Alec Guin-ness) is Merlin; and it is he ness) is merin; and it is no who hands over to Luke Sky-walker (noce the link of Luke/ Lucas) the Excalibur which his dead father had left behind . . . dead father had left behind...
but then the story evokes the
lore of the West, with Luke's
return to the smouldering
homestead which determines
his course of action; and the
lone gunfighter (called significantly, Solo) who makes the
traditional transformation from

point).



Ben Kenobi (Alec Guinness) does battle with Darth Vader (David Prowse)

romance.

The storm-troopers in the streets; the gun-battles on the space strp, the masked warriors (wearing the Samurai armour that gave us nightmares after childhood visits to the museum), the climatic dog-fights in the galactic sky dredge up lost memories of a lifetime of movie-house experience. John Williams's score ence. John Williams's score meanwhile runs the gamur from biblical epic to Lawrence of Armin, and the state of the state of the state of the parted ranks in the courtroom where their restored Princess is enthroned.

It is an anthology not so much of actual scenes as of aimost subconsciously recalled seosations and sentiments of the film-goer's memory. May be it is this more than saything that inspires such fierce in any in a udiences. People who have sheady seen the film get snappishly defensive if you have the temerity to say things like "It's very silly, of course"; and retort "But It's such fun". And, indeed, it is: Star Wars

so confidently portrayed (in Star Wars special offects achieve new heights of technical expertise) that there is no thought of disbelief; a genuine escapism that obliges you to make no connexions at all with real worlds.

Not beest, Star Wars, for all its own packmological accomplishment, heartens the strong pushment, hearrens the strong current sentiment of mistrust of technology, which has found in most notable expression in the proliferation of films of the occuk. In this future world, the technological marvels (already showing signs of wear; the heroes' spacecraft

front barroom.

In the outcome victory goes not to technology, but to the mystical and religious. Alec Guinness represents the old, suppressed religion, "The Guinness represents the old, suppressed religion, "The Force", and having warned the renegade Darth Vader that he will be much more powerful dead than alive, returns in spirit to guide Luke Skywaker with the advice that he will triumph not by thinking, but by feeling. It's a reflection worth considering in the historical view; and it certainly explains something of the wiumph of Star Wars. Star Wars.

There seems even less chance of explaining the success of another American box-office winner, The Deep, unless it is the expectation raised by the original hterary property, the novel with which by the original Herary property, the novel with which Peter Benchley followed Jave. It is one of those films in which at least you have to admire the effort. Much of the action takes place under water, and a book-about-the-film (Inside the Deep by Peter Guber) reletes at length how writer, director (Peter Yeres) and stars (Robert Shaw, Jacqueline stars (Robert Shaw, Jacqueline Bisset, Nick Nolte) spent mounts beneath the ocean around the Virgin Islands.

There is a lot of plot, which involves the discovery of two sunken treasure hourds seventeenth-century gold and the other of twentiethspot. It is all ingeniously conducted to a finale of remerkable complexity. Underwater it is good-look-

ing (with some very appealing and impeccably trained fish) and fun. Ashore it is like a beached whale with everyone sitting stound, poring over old documents and explaining things to one enother in tedious detail. in the past 12 months no

fewer than eight Emmanuelles have been launched on Lon-don. (They have been Black,

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The storm-proopers in the streets; the gun-battles on the first streets; the gun-battles on the first streets. be able to identify the Real Thing (that is, the authentic word of the novelist Emmanuelle Arsan) by the consonants: two m's and one a is the genuine article; one m and one n or two n's is coun-terfeit. Unfortunately not everyone plays fair.

Goodbye Emmanuelle seems authentic in as far as it has Sylvia Kristel in the title role. The promise of the title is not to be trusted though: Emmanuelle still looks far top perky as she follows her new lover off to Paris. Even more than its predecessors, this fanexpatriates in the sunny Sey-chelles, indulging every permu-tation of sexual activity, is erocic wishdream for arrested adolescence. Allowing for a few nude scenes and talk of orgasms, it all seems peculiarly

innocent. There now seems little hope of saving The Other Cinema. On Tuesday the governors of the British Film Institute told them that it was not possible to find money of the order—£25,000—they need; and their public appeal has not brought fast enough results.

enough resurts.

Not the least misfortune of this beir's-breadth failure of the cinema, which will probably close in early January, is that it may strengthen the claim of the landlords. National Car Parks, to change the use of the site, which has been a place of attentionment since 1772 Onici. entertainment since 1772, Originally the New Rooms in Torten-ham Street, from 1905 to 1969 the Scala Theatre occupied the

The Other Cinema's final pre-sentation is Helga Sandars's Shirin's Wedding, the story of a Turkis's girl who becomes a gasturbeiter in Germany in order to follow her faithless fiancé. A mordant commentary on the abuse of migrant workers is somewhat viriated by the is somewhat virtueed by the face-noil settifice of the plot and

David Robinson

Orpheus in the Underworld Coliseum

Paul Griffiths

Offenbach's romp round the most venerable operatic myth most venerable operatic myth returned to the Coliseum on Wednesday night in the venerable English National Opera production by Wendy Toye, rehearsed for the occasion by Hugh Halliday. It is, despite all those minimal costumes, perfect entertrinment for the time of year required one can adopt year, provided one can adapt to a style of humour that combines the naughty and the childrenly silly. The blend is one which, I must say, I nor-mally find resistible, but this production gathers such verve in the second and third acts that eventually, one cannot deny it, one sniggers.

Among the cast are several new faces, not to mention legs. Norma Burrowes as Eurydice displays a wide repertory of attributes for our enjoyment, but all would be for nothing, or nearly so, if her singing were not so deliciously sweet, par-ticularly in her monologue at the opening of the final ect. The other newcomers are Saily Burgess as a rather strident Diana, Joy Roberts as a properly pert and pretty Cupid, and Stuart Kale as a John Styx with both heart and voice of gold, even if his ocean kingdom does seem to he not too far off Swansea. Otherwise the Nor can anyone ignore the Marchioness of a Calliope portrayed by Ann Hood, who outshines everyone else on the stage for comic timing.

proceedings with fine flair and enthusiasm, his feeling for Offenbach's rumbustious sounds and rhythms leading the whole house into high excitement for the grand can-can finale.

Some of the notices on this rage are reprinted from yesterday's later editions.

Pinch-Me-Not Greenwich

Irving Wardle

The shadow of Alan Ayckbourn (extending to an unmemorable title) should not dull the achievement of this excellent first play. Richard O'Keeffe says he set out to "feel the nation's pulse through the medium of five ordinary people in an ordinary situation"; and, within its middle-class limits, the piece delivers the goods in A Heartbreak House for the

seventies, it is written with a sure sense of character and farcical mechanics, a gift for putting the intangible into words, and the fair-mindedness which Shaw called the unscrupulous moral versatility of the born dramatist". Alrogether, I count this the most hopeful commercial debut

of the year.

I have avoided the word originality, as Mr Keeffe is building on a very solid tradition of which the drama of Heartbreak House versus Horseback Half is only one example. His characters are regimented into the two camps of those with limited vision who know exactly what they want, and superior misfits with no clear end in view. No authorial preference can be deduced from the fact that his control figure—a charming ex-university drifter—belongs to

the second camp.
From the first scene, where we learn that the penniless Matthew is about to subside into marriage with a nurse and enter ber father's insurance office in Runcorn, it does seem that the comedy belongs to him. What a fate for a boy who knows about Revaissance architecture and

the test and aroused your sympathy for them all: often doing so, I must add, through a series of superbly timed farcical anti-climaires—as where Douglas, the academic bore, verbally flattens the company only to get a wasp sting on the nose; or Matthew's bungled suicide attempt transforms him into the nurse's helpless prev. For all that, Douglas was talking sense about his reasons for quitting the country; and Matthew's weed-killing exploit arose from real despair.

can quote at length from

Othello. The prospect clearly appels, his friendly, much sponged-upon landlard Henry;

and with the arrival of the girl he once jilted with her ghastly academic husband in

tow, the stage seems set for straightening out the double

bolting Helen are soon sleeping together and planning an elope-

ment to the Hebrides. But when

it comes to the point, the dream crumbles yet again, and the world is left in the control of

the ordinary sensible people.

By this time, the play has

put each of the characters to

Sure enough. Matthew and the

misalliance.

Pain pervades the play: the pain of frustrated women, and of men backing away from female misery: and of time passing and wasting expectation; all expressed through a style I can only describe as

style I can only describe as melancholic farce.

Set in a splendidly solid North London patio by Peter Rice, John Tydeman's production is cast with unspectacular perfection. Patrick Drury's mercurially apathetic Matthew, Stephanie Turner's sharply pathetic nurse. Donald Churchill's affably degrerate Henry, together with Nigel Anthony, and Di Trevis make up a team as good as any now to be seen as good as any now to be seen in London.

New Vienna String Trio Purcell Room

Joan Chissell

Though already four years old, the New Vienna String Trio had not appeared in London until Wednesday. Its leader, Thomas Kakuska, is Viennese by birth. training and occupation, including a professorship at the Academy. The viola player, Tomislav Sestak, hails from Zagreb, and the cellist, Wilfrid Rehm, from Konstauz, though both now play in the Vienna Symphony Orchestra, Appropriately, all three composers in their well balanced programme found their feet in Vienna, 100. found their feet in Vienna, foo.

The longest work was Mozart's
Divertimento in E flat, K563, a
latish (1788) achievement considered by Einstein just as
masterly, even if not as well
known, as any of the quartets
with which it was contemporaneous. Nothing could have better demonstrated the players' strength and limitations. They were plainly dedicated, self-

effacing musicians, at one in essentials of teamwork, at ease London Sinfonietta/

Howarth Oueen Elizabeth Hall

William Mann

Grimethorpe Colliery Band were the guests of the London Sinfonierza on Wednesday on the South Bank, sharing the evening's substantial tripactite programme with them. The common factor in the collaboration is Elgar Howarth, once a trumpeter in the Sinfonietta, nowadays one of their regular conductors.
Brass bands, and this one In

particular, are an ideal medium for Anthony Payne's Fire on Whaleness, a musical evocation of Beowulf's funerary rites. It begins with solemn, desolate trumpet fanfares sounding from all corners of the hall in answer to one trumpeter on stage, drawing the body of the band into the general lament for the departing hero in his ship-coffin on the pyre above the

in the style of the period, and judicious in choice of tempo. Yet anyone who had gone to the concert hoping to share Einstein's evaluation of the piece ("the finest, most perfect trio ever heard") might still have been disappointed.

What I missed most in all six

movements was light and shade. In their anxiety to be forthright. the group so often overlooked those softer dynamic markines that could have made the high; spots so much more outstanding. Phrasing, also, was not personal enough to reveal all that Mozart wrote between the lines. In fact, in trying to persuade us that the pione was not just a lightly tossed off Divertimento. the players nude it somewhat heavy. An Allegro (D471) by Schubert at the start of the programme came over with

similar objective strength.

These two classical works were separeted by Schnenberg's trio, Op 45, an autobiographical resay which (according to Thomas Mann) he hinself considered extremely difficult. sidered extremely difficult, almost impossible to play. Technical standards are different today. These players made light of problems, and sufficiently relished expression to allow us to forget all about tone-news, too.

bass drum helpfully diversify the brass texture. Towards the end the trumpeters resume their outposts, and against desply sonorous chords from the rest of the band, their dispersed fan-fares sound the more poignant. It is a vivid piece, cozently invented.

invented.

A perverse act of planning followed it with Howarth's own Ascendit in Coeli, another elegy (avolving peripheral trimpets but otherwise quite different, its close harmony for brass' suggesting sugarless Mess'acn, the conflicting tempi (which call for a second conductor) disturbfor a second conductor) disturb-ing and intriguing at once. A simple, taut, and striking arrangement of "Greensleeve," played as an encore, was pre-sumed to be also by Howarth. Before it came Hars Werner Henze's Regtimes and Haba-neras, which compare and bring regerter the world of Kurt-Weill and Latin-American music. It was crisp and brilliant amusement with a tinge or so of melancholy.

The London Sinfonietta's contribution included another.

tribution included another Henze novelty, more tough and characteristic, Amicisia for five players who decorate and soa.

The faster central section, players who decorate and develop a communist popular trumpets, instantly evokes the song by Eisler: a marching funeral flames; a loud gong, a glockenspiel, and a thudding closer to the world of Mahler.



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The Alchemist Aldwych

Ned Chaillet

In The Alchemist Ben Jonson knitted all the strands of avarice and lust in Jacobean seciety into a grand tapestry where all men stood equal and reduced. Sir Epicure Mammon, a knight of mammoth appetites and ambition, prepared to

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annexe Comwaii wuch receives the philosopher's stone, is no less gullible or greedy is no less gullible or greedy happer, who annexe Cornwall when he than the clerk, Dapper, who wants the power to win at gambling and is prepared to spend all his money for a gift from the fairies, or Abel Drugger, the tobacconist who manages to think of a new request each time the alchemist seems to answer a problem. In this play, more than in

Volpone, Jonson scourges all the characters equally, reserving no special punishment for the arch-scoundrel Face, who in the guise of a one-eyed captain lures victims into the empty of his master where Subtle, the alchemist, and Doll, the wanton accomplice, systematically empty the purses of their gulls. Face, indeed, thrives in the world where even honour among thieves is a joke, and respectable citizens can be corrupted with the promise of a wealthy widow to wed, and he survives when the less wilv give way to circumstances. In The the quick-witted

inherit the earth. The Royal Shakespeare Com-pany's production once fitted into the riny space of the studio theatre in Stratford, the Other Place, where Irving Wardle reviewed it and where , making a rare weekend foray outside London, paid to go to see it. It was worth the trip from London then, and now, changed only by small improve and thoroughly enjoyable verments, it should command the sion, should not be forgotten.

about theatre. There are marvellous central performances from Ian McKellen as Face and John Woodvine as the alchemist, and the performances in the parade of victims are often wonders of compact comic invention. Nickolas Grace, bent and

twist of Jonson's imagination. Paul Brooke as Mammon has so refined the art of reciting his vain-glorious ambitions that every disturbed desire he mentions appears as both desirable and repulsive. The angry boy, Kastril, practising aggression by drawing swords in defence of his sister's honour while seeking a suitably titled husband for her wealth, is perfectly met in Hilton McRae's display of delayed adolescence.

But the glory must rest, in almost equal honours, with Mr McKellen and Mr Woodvine,

Photograph by Donald Coope attention of anyone who cares

coloured like a nicotine-stained finger, is the tobacconist, repellent and ludicrous, but believable in every exaggerated

with Susan Dury giving admir-able support as Doll. Trevor Nunn's direction lets the play appear as the actors' delight it is, with the stage constantly being altered for incoming and outgoing victims, with Face and Subtle transforming themselves from drudge to cavalier, from self-flagellating ascetic to imposing mystic. Peter Barnes who has smoothly edited the text into a fully comprehensible

tumbling team of mortals and divinities is strongly cast from the English National Opera regulars who have been seen in previous revivals. The titular hero, about whom Offenbach and we tend to forget as the drama pursues its unruly course, is sung with forward presence by Terry Jenkins so that we do not entirely do so.

Clive Timms conducts the

Countdown to a new era in space travel

In negotiations, separate from the arms houtations talks, American government dificials are seeking an early agreement next year with the Russians to estrict the development of killer satellites"

The importance of them eaching an understanding cannot be overestimated, for the outcome could have a profound influence on the series of manned spaceflights by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (Nasa), starting in just over 18 months' time ith the reusable space shuttle. Killer satellites are small spacecraft. They carry an explosive charge which destroys itself and any nearby satellite an detonation. Its significance

becomes apparent in the light of the plans for the shuttle. Within six years this remarkable new form of space transportation should be making 60 dights a year of between one week and 30 days duration. Eight vehicles have been ordred. Five will be launched and returned to Cape Canaveral. Florida, and three at the Vandenbergh range of the United States Air Force, in Northern California, for circuits of the earth crossing Polar regions.

A total of 445 flights in less than 10 years are expected, compared with 31 manned journeys made in the combined Mercury, Gemini, Apollo, Sky-lab and Apollo-Soyuz missions.

Each shuttle could carry a crew, a scientific research team, and a payload of up to 30 tons. There are many ways in which this phenomenal craft opens a new era in space travel and exiloration. But they all hinge on the fact that the new vehicle, consisting of the Orbiter craft (this resembles a conventional jet aircraft and which is strap-ped to two solid booster rock-ets) slashes the cost of launch-ing men and materials into

The cost-to-weight ratio has hovered at about \$1,000 (about :550) per pound of payload for a decade. The shuttle was designed to cut this launch cost down to \$100 a pound. With the first Orbiter and rocket motors in the hands of Nasa engineers for testing, the realistic figure appears to be about \$150 s hound of bayload to put into

Advances in rocket tech-nology have made all this possible. The pressure developed in the main rocket motors, for pounds per square inch today to as much as 3,000 pounds per square inch.

Big improvements in the materials used for these have been essential to make the new the key to the economics lies in the intention of reusing each shuttle system over 60 times, weeks. They will return to earth like rather cumbersome gliders.

A good sail plane can have a lift-todrag ratio of between 30 and 40 to one compared 30 and 40 to one compared with a meagre four to one for the Orbiter. Hence they will land at Cape Canaversi on a runway 15,000 feet long (2.84 miles), with a 1.000ft overrun at each end. Descent on the glide path much be perfect, because at this stage Orbiters are not powered and cannot manoeuvre for another annuach

approach.
The major overhaul job wil be to check the thousands of individually cut silicon tiles which cover the aluminium body of the vehicle in a thermal insulating mosaic.

This protective skin is equivalent to the material on the bottom of the pear-shaped Apollo craft which prevented astronauts from being scorched ever, that material could only be used once. The new mate-rial has such extraordinary hear characteristics that one side can be held in the palm of the hand, while the other glows at a cherry red 600

contribute to make the shuttle system reusable and thus a cheaper transport system. There is an added cost to

be considered with existing launch vehicles. The development and construction of satellite costs about \$20,000 pound weight because the designer guards as far as possible, against failure of equip-ment and electronic circuits by un elaborate method of duplica-

highly sensitive to radio signals

satellites are posed a personne receiver the would allow two-way trans-utlathic telephone calls to be made as part of a routine tele-

more speculative than the ideas now being forecast for the era of telecommunications, the first three being the telephone, radio telephony and satellite communications.

Transatiantic communica-tions are one service in which prices have fallen due to satellites. With the reusable spacecraft, satellites could throwing a football onto the importantly, the shuttle system can be used to repair a satellite or return with it to earth. A special robot rug is being designed to move out from the shuttle to tow any such space

There are disadvantages in relying on one or two very large satellites for communications. The most obvious is the vulnerability of the system to lumming, or to destruction by killer spacecraft. Russians have carried

out extensive experiments on both these procedures, probably as a response to the offictive reconnaissance satellite programme conducted by the linited States services mainly from Vandenbergh. The application of such tech-

niques to disrupt some future commercial operation cannot

Pearce Wright Science Editor

degrees centigrade. Many other developments

Great attention has also been paid to devising miniature elec-tronic detectors, recorders and radio transmission apparatus to squeeze the maximum amount of usefulness out of a particular satellite. To compensate for the limitations of the satellite, the ground reveiving station: became the familiar huge dishes

In principle, the shuttle out change all that Very possible with one station beam ng to thousands of tiny receiv ing agricle on the ground. One research group has even pro-posed a personal receiver the

The original satellite com-munication links for a global telephone system and for tale-vision, which most of us seem

As the trade unions cast a critical eye on Britain's methods of investment

Lifting the lid of secrecy surrounding the role of City institutions

The Duchess in Alice in Won-derland said "If everybody minded their own business, the world would go round a great This is not to say in any way deal faster than it does". that all that was wrong with Economic life, however, cannot the City was its inability to really proceed on the basis publicize itself (although few proposed by the duckess-however some today may echo her The business of financial in-

stitutions is inextricably linked with the economic structure of the country and it is the con-cern of all of us politicians, employers and unions as to whether those financial institutions function in the most effective way to contribute to that prosperity.

Although today there is more public awareness of the economic structures, of the importance of an improving balance of payments, of the need for a growth in investment and in the GNP, what is lacking is a public awareness of the role of financial institutions themselves in this connexion.

Public knowledge of the financial institutions is often d to comment on City scandals but that confined this is the case is symptomatic of the fact that little is known in the outside world about the City except abuses that occa-

In many ways the City of London—the shorthand term for the country's financial institutions—is a popular target for criticism. Indeed, its own obsession with secrecy mystiques surrounding what are in many cases re-atively simple coerations, have compounded public ignorance of their activities and in some cases generated uninformed

One of the effects of the establishment of the Committee to Review Financial Institutions under the chairmanship of Sir Harold Wilson, has been both to publicize the facts and also to make the City Instituboth of the need for self-

outside the City appreciated the value of the banking and insurance contribution to the balance of payments), but that legitimate criticisms of the way in which the institutions work, their relationship with each other, with manufacturing industry and with the Government, have rarely been the subject of informed public

Hopefully, that is now banging. The publication by is Wilson ommittee of written and oral evidence on a periodic basis and the publi-cation of the interim report of the committee, have not only drawn attention to the actua-lity of our financial system, but also highlighted certain issues that need pursuing. In the public debate that is ong overdue on the country's

financial institutions, unionists are casting a critical eye on the relationship of those to the Government's industrial strategy, to the case for planning agreements, to the ability of industry to both expand production and to pro-vide for a substantial decrease in the appallingly high level of unemployment. The central question that trade unions ask today is will we get an expand-ing economy and, more parti-cularly, an increase in the rate of investment in manufactur-ing industry with the existing financial mechanism for the provision of funds.

In this debate the basic faces

of investment and GNP in Britain compared to our competitor countries are well known. Growth in GNP over the past 15 years has been less than half of Japan and also



Leif Mills

the gross domestic product) has been, in the period 1960-1972, 3.8 per cent in this country compared to 4.9 per cent in West Germany, 6.9 per cent in France and 8.9 per cent in Japan.

Both the TUC and individual at the interaction between the low rates of investment and growth and the availability of funds from financial institu-

Trade unionists also are very conscious that any debate on the above fundamental question must take cognizance of a significant change that is tak-ing place in the pattern of existing savings and invest-ment. In basic economic textment. In basic economic text-hooks one could clearly equate increased savings with in-creased investment and there-by increased growth. In fact there are now greater savings than there have ever been before and yet we have not had the rate of growth that quantity theory advocates quantity theory might have expected.

considerably lower than most pattern of savings has changed. of our competitor countries. Most savings are now through The rate of investment in the medium of pension finds. The rate of investment in the medium of pension finds. One of the basic effects of the (expressed as a percentage of 1975 Social Security Act has

money available to pension funds for investment. At the for investment stand at about which mi £7,000m and it is expected that this will grow to £20,000m by In the

have therefore institutionalized and inevitably this has meant that the equity market has become dominated by institutional investors, particularly the in-surance companies and the pension funds which together account for nearly half of the current equity market.

There will therefore be increasing money available through the institutions for in-vestment, but is this sufficient for investment purposes and is there any indication that the money will be put to the right

quarter?
On top of this we all have the added windfall of North Sea oil—both from the direct effect on the balance of payments, meaning lower imports ments, meaning lower imports of oil from the Middle East, and secondly from the sterling tax revenues paid by oil com-panies to the British Govern-

The TUC, in its own evidence to the Wilson Committee, argued that in addition to the changing pattern of savings and investment (particularly the longer term investment favoured by the investment favoured by the institutional investors although perhaps more cautious than is needed) the benefits of North Sea oil gave Britain an opportunity, for a regeneration of the manufacturing industry and to that end the TUC has called for a doubling of the investment rate in a few years. One of the ways in which

One of the ways in which the TUC has suggested this target could be achieved is through the medium of a new lending facility of £1,000m which would be funded half by contributions from the large institutional investors, and role facility should be available.

under the auspices of a tripar-tire body (Government, firms find it increasingly diffi-employers and trade unions) cult to raise equity. This probto assist in investment in areas which might not otherwise be

In the overall context of savings and investment £1,000m is a small sum but the major point of the TUC proposal is to provide a public stimphus to investment, an example perhaps of investment in key areas that then might be followed by the investors in the ordinary then might be followed by capital markets. In many ways the example of the National Enterprise Board has been innovative in certain industries and indeed helping to prevent those industries from going to the wall and to provide those with investment for a long term viable future. The TUC would see the new lending facility as innovative too, but it must be emphasized that the monies lent would be expected to earn an edequate rate of return over a period and there would obviously have to be a government guarantee for this.

There is no doubt that the structure of the City is changing. The creation of FFI from the constituents of ICFC and FCI in 1973 is one example of the private sector responding to a gap at the upper end of the medium term lending marthough not universally popular—is another example of a new facility created to fill a gap. The TUC's proposal is another way in which the pub-lic sector—and the element of tripartism—could be involved. (It is worth noting that tripartism which is accepted in most ereas of manufacturing in-dustry through the medium of NEDC, the individual EDC's and the Sector Working Parties, lies yet to be practised in the City.)
There is no doubt, too, that

the pattern of finance for existing investment has changed considerably. Partly because of the dominance of Institutional investors in the

cult to raise equity. This prob-lem is being looked at both by the Wilson Committee and by Harold Lever. One of the effects of difficulty in raising equity money has been an increase in company gearing. Gearing ratios of publicly quoted companies now average 59 per cent compared to 28 per cent 12 years ago. There is nothing wrong in a high gearing ratio by itself and indeed current ratios in this country are still lower than most of our fellow members of European Community. point here, though, is that the ratio of debt to equity finance has changed.

For these and a whole host of other reasons, the City is changing indeed, its support-ers would rightly say that its capacity to change is evidence of its adaptability. There is much that needs to be looked at regarding the existing framework, but hopefully now the public destroy that its long. the public debate that is long overdue can now start—and the TUC sees trade unionists as being very much involved in

There is one other fundamental point on which trade unionists feel very concerned. There are some who argue that rate of growth in the economy is to remove price, profit and dividend controls and then the invisible hands of the market envisaged by Adam Smith will produce the necessary result. is difficult to see whether this would be the case: in-deed, it was definitely not the case in the 1950s. The question now perhaps is, can we afford to take that chance or, putting it another way, will the old formulae really make the world go round faster?

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Bernard Levin

Punching holes in this earthly paradise That is why, earlier this year I

In this, the third end last of the series of columns in which I have summarized, and quoted extensively from, a most important series of reports in the Toronto Globe and Mail by that paper's Peking correspondent. Mr Ross Munro, I want to underline one particular aspect of the lesson that his despatches could, if we allowed them to, over thought-control in the East, teach us. For what makes Mr. Hear Mr Munro on the subject: Munro's reports so particularly valuable is that first, he clearly went to Chine, and remained there, without ideological preconceptions (unless, to be sure we count a disposition to think that totalitarianism is wrong). Second, and even more imporsimply to accept unquestioningly simply to accept unquestioningly the information, either in the form of statements or of the things he was officially shown or allowed to see, given to him by the Chinese authorities: be clearly took pains, wherever possible, to get behind the hand-ours and inspect the reality for outs and inspect the reality for himself. But third, and most important of all, though he makes few explicit judgments, the implicit ones on which the value of his contributions ultimately rests are all infused with a resolute refusal to accept those relativist arguments which provide the last hope of those who defend the indefensible. I have quoted from his evidence of the bondage in which hundreds of millions of China's peasants live, with restrictions on travel and residence remarkably similar to those of Africans outs and inspect the reality for

in South Africa. Mr Munro did not make the comparison; but there it lay, just beneath the surface of what he wrote, for any reader to make. And there are similar lessons to be learned by these who declare an im-placable hostility to censorship and suppression of news in the West, but fall strangely silent

Shortwave radio receivers are on display in stores, but one Western diplomat says he has been told by Chinese that permission to purchase and own such radios is difficult to obtain. In border areas, such as southern Yuonan, residents are forbidden to own even regular radios beown even regular radios be-cause they might be able to pick up foreign broadcasts. The Chinese authorities dis-tribute millions of copies every day of a Chinese-lenguage newspaper that re-prints selected articles from Western news agencies and major newspapers smund the major newspapers around the world. The articles that are chosen tend to reinforce the Chinese view of the world. Chinese view of the world.

... No foreign newspapers or magazines are sold openly in China except for a handful of newspapers put out by tiny foreign Meoist parties. These devote much of their space to a rewriting of official materials. Chinese scientists receive foreign journals most receive foreign journals most often through a central order-ing agency in Pelting, and bureaucrats concerned with

newspapers at work. There are foreign books in some Chinese libraries, but access to libraries is restricted. The private publication and dis-tribution of books is, of course, forbidden.

It may come as a surprise to some, though it does not to me, to learn that in China the sins the fathers are visited upon true even when the fathers have committed no sins: Fu Nung-ran has been a member of Chine's sub-class

ever since the Red Army arrived in his village in 1947 arrived in his village in 1947 when he was 26 years old. It was Fu's misfortune to have been born into a family categorized by the Communists as "rich peasants", a label he wears to this day. He is only one of at least 30 million Chinese who are openly discriminated against herouse of criminated against because of their "bad class back-ground". Like other members of the sub-class in the Chinese countryside, Fu gets lower wages, is barred from his commune's free medical service, cannot participate in any political activities, is a frequent target for verbal abuse and has few hopes of improving his lot in life. . . Children with the wrong class background have only a very background heve only a very slim chance of being selected to attend a school of higher learning even if they have clearly demonstrated their

academic ability. After visits to Chinese colleges and uni-versities during the past two years, it's evident that some sort of regulation restricts the number of students with a "bad class background" to a maximum of five per cent of the student enrolment but the actual proportion is well balow that

Again, we hear much in the often is indeed iniquinous) of a record for unreliability or un-conventional views, acquired in youth, being used long after to damage the prospects of the incividual in question. But we hear nothing about the same practise when it operates in the

Two Chinese citizens, for instance, who were idealistic and patriotic teenagers when they joined the Red Army before the Communist victory in 1949, established excellent records in the army and were advancing at a good pace. Then came one of those periodic campaigns during which officials were urged to pay more attention to the class background of those under them. The two sud-denly found that roads to further advancement were blocked, and they were being systematically discriminated systematically discriminated against because their grand-father was a small landlord. In addition they became objects of suspicion because some of their relatives had left China soon after 1949,

Today, they hold factory jobs—quite decent by Chinese standards—but they have no standards—our they have no hope of advancement and they consumily worry that their children will have little chance of getting any advanced education because of the few acres of land their great-grandtather once owned. The hunger to believe that there is a place on earth in which

the very least, it suggests that those who so persuade themselves care about the problems they see around them, and wish to see their fellowmen live more prosperous and fruitful lives. It is not difficult to see that Communism in its early days not only ostensibly offered such a prospect, but seemed to do so by giving priority to just those social qualities—unselfishness, cooperation, concern for the less fortunate—that were in themselves most admirable. Of course, it was an illusion; and the last excuse for holding it vanished long, long ago. Yet vanished long, long ago. Yet the yearning persists, and when, for some of the yearners, putting their bopes in the Soviet Union proved an embarrassment, they were under the necessity of finding a substitute repository. North Vietnam, Cuba, Allende's Chile—all have been used; but the greatest of these is China, portrayed incessantly for over 20 years as an santly for over 20 years as an earthly paradise of brotherhood, equality and justice.

hailed Professor Edward Luttwak's seminal article in Commentary for its realistic appraisal of the facts of Chinese life instead of the proclaimed theory. That is why I consider correspondent, Mr Ross Munro, that the Toronto Globe and Mail has recently published, and to summarizing and quoting which I have devoted myself all this week. The mighty Chinese Republic is a reality with which the world will, somebow or other, have to come to terms. Its nature, its ideology and its political, social and cultural practices are also realities that each one of us ought to con-template, for what we can learn about human beings in society and as individuals. In thinking about these huge themes and their concentric rings of impli-cation, it will be good for the outcome of our ratiocination it we do so with our eyes open rather than closed. As a means of helping to keep them open Mr Munro's articles are invalu-Mr Munro's articles are invaluable, and will remain so whatever developments follow the
death of Mao and the consolidation of his successors' power.
If I have done sven a little, in
my three columns based on
them, to further Mr Munro's
achievement, and to make his
words more widely known, I
shall be well content.

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The Why, When, Where and How of Hine Cognac

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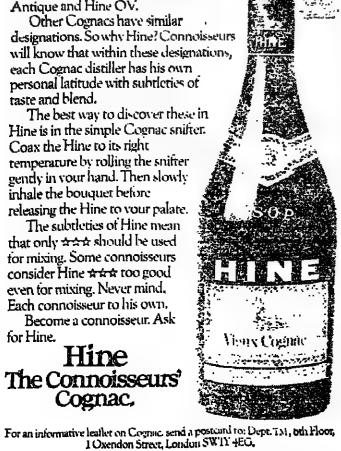
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Viennese loss-maker?

Some of the friends of the London Symphony Orchestra, I understand, are becoming rather concerned less their first financial setback of 1978 could occur within a few hours of the New Year daywing New Year dawning. Fresh from the trials of

choosing a new principal conductor, the orchestra (whose telephonist, incidentally, I will personally nominate as most musical of the year) is planning a 19th century knees-up on New Year's Eve.
In bold entrepreneurial style the orchestra has hired

the whole of the Royal Albert Hall, which it plans to bedeck with Austrian colours, garnish with Austrian food, and (hope-fully) fill to its boxes with admirers in full costume.

course, but of the 19th century variety (tuition will be available on the night). And the band for the occasion will be none other than the London Symphony Orchestra itself. under its leader, John Georgiadis, and with some solo spots by some of its principal players

and an assortment of guests, including Larry Adler.

The snag, of course, is that the cheapest ticket is £20 for two, with another £7.50 for food. The LSO says that about 1000 tickets have been sold. 1,000 tickets have been sold, roughly half the minimum needed to break even, and that they could stand to lose up to £10,000.

man, is not much compared with what it usually stands to lose. Mind you, the LSO is not normally required to perform as a dance band.

Music to their ears Unsuspecting listeners to Radio

Three yesterday morning would have been excused for thinking that this time the Arts Council bad gone too far.
In the spot usually reserved
for This Week's Composer,
they would have heard the of a Pakistani crowd in full riot. But, as the running commentary might have suggested it was not the latest public-funded exploration to the bounds of our musical consciousness — just Test

Nothing to grouse about

Maybe the House of Deinhard had noticed my interest in grouse shooting. More likely, the makers of the Famous Grouse Scotch Whisky had heard of my predilection for their tipple (in the environs of Perth). As it was, I was invited to judge yesterday the annual limerick competition, which Deinhard have mounted for the past nine years and which this year involved Famous Grouse.

QUEEN **ELIZUBETH** HERE ...

offerings. A case of the scotch went to each of seven weekly winners and a first prize of a week at Gleneagles for two, for the overall winner. Yesterday, under the chairmanship of Denis Norden, we assembled at Deinhard House to choose that

Easily the best of the seven When power cuts get to their

worst We would all go to bed if we durst For there are two delights Which are great without lights Famous Grouse is the one to try this masterpiece was (no, wait for it) Lord Birkett. The stan-dard of entries was remarkably high and few of the 1,600 offer-ings was unprintable—which shows that Times readers are

THE TIMES DIARY/ PHS

Spirit of Christmas past

The front-runner in my competition for the most bilious Christmas card of 1977 is, amazingly, the National Federation of Women's Institutes. of women's institutes.

They have issued an axegrinding specimen which depicts (on the outside) nine-

teenth-century conditions of railway travel over the caption "Travelling as it is". The idea that top-hatted passengers still ride in open boxes behind the coal tender seems unfair in the days of the air-conditional travelling in the travelling in the travelling in the travelling as it is ". The idea is ioned Inter-City express.

Inside, under the headline "Travelling as it should be," they rehearse women's institute resolutions calling for co-ordi-nated public transport right hack to June, 1956, ending with the acidulated message that they "are still waiting". Since they sent the card to me, I am wondering: do they suppose it's my fault?

BEC Television has apologized for a definitive Freudian slip. An information bulletin about its Horizon: The Healing Nightmare programme says beging hair the minimum ramous Grouse is the one to try that "Jung, already heir eeded to break even, and that Limerick writers were inhev could stand to lose up to vited, during October and 10,000.

Which, according to a spokes
The Times, to submit their we learnt that the author of "to Sigmund Freud's empire". that "Jung, already heir

Cold porridge comfort

idings of discomfort and woo for those who are due to spend this Christmas as guests of Her Majesty in Parkhurst Prison. A random search by prison officers has uncovered some 14 gallons of illicit brew which was consented by the search of th some 14 gallons of illicit brew which was apparently being saved for the Christmas season. It was found, I understand, in pots, pans, buckets, lemonade bottles and one or two emptied fire extinguishers. Now they'll just have to watch the repeat of Porridge stone cold sober.

A brace and a half

With 10 Douglas-Homes scattered across the top table, yesterday's Foyles Literary Luncheon was more like a family party at which the public were spectators.

"Strangely privileged.", was how the chairman, Sir Peter Scott, summed it up; clearly a reference to the apocryphal tales which the three Douglas-Home brothers (Henry, Alec and William) told about each other after bunch.

other after lunch. Ostensibly Henry Douglas-Home was the guest of honour-because his first book The Bird Man has just been pub-lished—and, induging in the new national pastime, he tures to be demokished (apart trust) autographed copies. So did brother Alec, though his a helicopter pad just in time life story has been out for a for them not to be used. The long time Before lunch brother cost? Just one neath of the William confided to me that he; amount paid to put them up.

too, was now in the process of telling all, in book form. "My two brothers look so disgust-ingly rich", he said. Sir Harold and Lady Wilson speare Company", Sir Harold mumbled into a faulty micro-phone). Brother Henry could not let the Wilsons departure pass without comment. That's one bird who got away", he said, half referring to that section of his book dealing with the indiscriminate slaughter of birds on the Continent.

Not cost effective

Muslims pouring home from Saudi Arabia after the recent hai (main pilgrimage) had to put up with the traditionally ascetic conditions in the holy sallow of Muse outside Mecca. valley of Muna outside Mecca, rather than the new facilities they might have been led to

About £300m was spent over the past two years on lavatories; sewage systems, abattoirs for the ritual slaughter of animals and other constructions. A row broke out when the committee for the haj, presided over by Crown Prince Falid, reslized that the new buildings spread over the area traditionally re-served for the pilgrims tents. On the committee's advice, King Khaled ordered the struc-tures to be demokshed (apart from 15 medical buildings and

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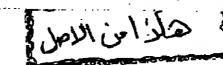
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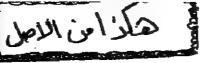
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RUSSIA'S ECONOMIC PROBLEMS

The Soviet Union is heading into trouble but together with other difficult times. Politically and factors it suggests that growth from an important meeting of the Supreme Soviet, and he has cancelled a meeting with Herr "
Braudt which was planned for today. Even if he is merely temporarily indisposed his absences are a reminder that he can no longer carry a full work load. The system can run for some time under these circumstances because it suits almost everybody to have him remain as the keystone in an arch-of power which might otherwise become unstable, but there must gradually be a price to be paid in terms of long-term decisions delayed or fudged.

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This is particularly true in the economy, where the prospects for the next decade are not good. Some of the figures announced on Wednesday must already be discouraging for the Soviet leaders. Industrial production is planned to grow by only 4.5 per cent next year, which is below this year's plan and considerably below the annual average envisaged in the current fiveyear plan. Real income per capita is planned to rise by 3 per cent compared with an average of just over 4 per cent envisaged in the plan. The harvest has turned out to be about 17 million tons below predictions, which points to purchases approaching 15 million

tons from the United States.

economically there are stresses rates will continue to decline; shead which are going to test the and that the Soviet Union will system and its leaders. Mr. have difficulty adjusting itself Brezhnev's health is not good, to new demands on its system and the problem of the succes- and its resources. Until recently sion, shows no signs of being it could ensure steady growth by solved. This week he was absent drawing on its huge reserves of drawing on its huge reserves of raw materials and rural labour and devoting about 30 per cent of its gap to investment (compared with the United States 16 per cent in 1975). Now the reserves of labour are drying up, raw materials are becoming more expensive, consumers are demanding more, and the system has not yet found a way of increasing productivity sufficiently to compensate. In fact. growth in output per man hour has declined steadily, and so has output per rouble of fixed capital, especially in agriculture. Russia is an industrialized country, with some advanced sectors, particularly in defence, but with low productivity by American,

standards. Neither Russia nor Eastern Europe has been left unscathed by the world economic problems of the 1970s.

To reverse this mend the Soviet Union reads that Soviet Union needs new incentives, which means more consumer goods and new systems of organization. Both require significant adjustments to the system. It also needs more modern machinery, a significant amount of which will have to be bought for hard currency. But something like balf the Soviet Union's foreign currency sarnings now come from oil, and there is a big question mark None of this spells immediate over its capacity no go on

West European or even British

exporting large quantities of oil. It has huge reserves but so far they are not being found and developed fast enough.

Western experts still disagree on whether a serious oil shortage faces the Soviet Union in the 1980s but some stresses seem inevitable. Even if there. is enough for the Soviet Union itself, which is not certain, there is unlikely to be enough to continue earning hard currency at the present rate while also supplying the rising needs of eastern Europe, which is already having to spend about \$900 million on buying oil from other sources. And most East European countries even more difficult than the Soviet Union to earn hard currency. Among other things, therefore, the Soviet Union will have to decide how much tightening of belts in eastern Europe it can risk, and how much its strict economic. interests must be sacrificed for the sake of its political commitment to the area.

Thus before long the Soviet Union must either find ways of making better use of its huge resources in materials and manpower or take some fairly painful decisions on priorities between, for instance, living standards and defence. Very probably it will have to do a bit of both. The speeches of the leaders show they are aware of these problems but do not reveal how they are going to tackle them. Equally unclear is whether the system is going to prove able to provide a smooth transfer of power to a new

THE SECOND LETTER TO THE IMP

Mr. Healey's second letter of intent to the international Monetary Fund could not be more different in tone from his first, exactly a year ago. The difference is entirely explained by the revolution in the financial position of the country that has taken place in the intervening The current account of the balance of payments has moved into substantial and sustainable surplus. The rate of inflation has come steadily down. Almost nothing can now stop the annual rate of inflation dropping to single figures in the first part of 1978. Public expenditure is under firm con-Indeed a case could be made that in certain areas the screw has been turned down almost too far for the good of parts of the private sector. The porrowing require ment is significantly below the target agreed with the IMF last year. And interest rates have come down dramatically in the

past twelve months. So great is the improvement that Mr Healey was able in his letter to give a broad hint that the Government would allow the present facility to borrow further from the IMF to lapse before the formal date for the ending of the present facility in January, 1979. Although the undertakings about specific policy in the letter are muted, it is clear from the general terms of what Mr Healey chose to write that the Government intends to maintain cautious fiscal and monetary policies. We have, in short, come to the end of the period when the economic policies of the Government had to be formed with one eye at

Attack on National Front

Sir, Your leader (December 9) on

the Labour Parry's party political broadcast attacking the National Front suffers from a major contra-

diction derived from a gross omis-sion. On the one hand you assert

hat a head on arrack on the National

Front is wrong implying this to be

the case because of the publicity

such an attack gives to the Front. And on the other hand you state the principle of the right of reply and suggest that this right has been

Thus you argue two things at unce: the Front should have less publicity and more publicity. How is it that you present such confusing advice? I would suggest.

Sir, that it derives from the debating

practical conclusions from

society technique of attempting to

abstract principles alone. Because

this technique tends to ignore

realities, it is not altogether sur-

prising that there should be a substantial omission in your argu-

ment that results in your contra-

This omission consists of ignoring

the position of black people in

Britain today in the face not simply

of the racism which the National

Front preaches, but also in the face

of the discrimination and prejudice which black people suffer in all

areas of life, particularly in educa-

tion, employment and housing. For

black people as a group there is no effective right of reply and little

prospect exists for such a right becoming effective in the near

Black people in Britain welcome

while harressment of and

efforts by white people in opposing

racial discrimination and prejudice

attacks on them continue as an

National Front, there is little place for debating the point which you

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Yours faithfully ASOUTTH GIBBES.

wrongly denied to the Front.

From Mr Asquith Gibbes

least on the need to obtain PAF support and backing. Once again the Government's line has to be decided and prosecuted on the basis of their own judgment, though the judgment is a cautious one.

The counterpart for this year of achievement, however, is that the underlying economy is still in an exceptionally depressed condition. The confidence of the consumer and of the busi-ness sector is at a low ebb. This is reflected in the sluggishness both of retail sales and of manufacturing investment in plant and machinery. The volume of exports seems once again to be falling. On the basis of unchanged policies it is most unlikely that the economy will grow at rates that would reduce levels of unused capacity and of unem pioyment. near certainty that, for all the undoubted benefits of North Sea oil, unemployment will remain above one and a half million for the foreseeable future.

In such circumstances there will be mounting pressure on the Government for massive expansionist measures. From certain economists and from the left of the Labour Party there will also be pressure for the introduction of a regime of general import controls in order to provide a barrier behind which inefficient re-expansion of the economy can take place. Such a policy would

be disastrous.
The pessimistic projections about the economy in the medium term are based on the assumption that there will be no improvement in the underlying performance. Indeed, if there is no improvement in the steady

decline of the relative efficiency of British industry against that of other developed industrial countries the future is very bleak indeed. A soft policy of rapid expansion behind extensive trade barriers (even if such a policy was possible for a country in our position) would be a guarantee that no such improvement would take place. If, however, there is to be a brighter future for the British economy in the medium term, two requirements, predominate. The first is that productivity should increase more nearly to the average of other European industrial countries. There may then be industries which can only survive if there is some form of European protection. There is, however, no way in which it can make sense for an "go it alone" in protectionism.

The second requirement is that the rate of inflation should

continue to be reduced. whole of the sacrifice of the last three years would be wasted, if the rate of price increases started once again to accelerate: in the second half of 1978. Against this background it is

essential that the recovery should continue to be gradual and soundly based. Above all it must be within a monetary policy which avoids making a contribution to increased inflation and inflationary expectations. The revised figures for the money supply provided yesterday show that we are already above the limit of what is prudent in this respect. Mr Healey's further stimulus, when it comes, must not compound this imprudence.

The firemen's strike

From Mr Charles Clisby Sir, A quite remarkable turn of events is occurring in the public sector of wage negotiations. Never before have very senior officers come out so openly, rigorously and defiantly in support

of their juniors. It is reported that Brigadiers and booed their Minister. Officers of Deputy Assistant Chief Officer rank in the London Fire Brigade joined the picket line.

Senior uniformed management recognize that they have a role to play in keeping their juniors from becoming mutineers and, more, in keeping them out of the hands of extremists and from adopting the appearance of extremists.

It must be remembered that a Labour government disbanded the Auxiliary Fire Service, cut the fulltime service, and near decimated the Regular and Territorial armies. Morale in what remains of the British Fire Service and the Armed

Willie Whitelaw's peace formula for the Fire Service has been implemented in part. Why not give the firemen the 12 per cent be proposed and so get the firemen back to work, head held high, with hair cut, clean shaven face and smartly turned out in uniform once

forces over pay is at an all time

again. Give the fireman back his pride, Minister.

Yours, etc. CHARLES CLISBY,
Deputy Assistant Chief Officer,
London Fire Brigade Headquarters,
Albert Embankment, SE1.

The choice of Maplin From Mr D. C. Wood

Sir, At the present time I am engaged, under the Rees Jeffreys Studentship in Transport, at the London School of Economics, in research on the history of the search for the site for the Third London Airport. In spite of making eld possible allowance for personal bias arising out of my own involvement in that search, I find it impossible to reconcile what I believe to be the facts with a part of an to be the facts with a part of an otherwise good supplement (December 9) dealing with UK airports. John Young writes, in his article "Fast trains link Heathrow with West End", "It is ironic that the choice of Maplin . . . imight well have brought enormous economic advantages to east London and the descent areas of the Thamper

It would be interesting to know from where he can produce svidence for that starement. True, remarks to that effect were made by some people, generally from those who, like Sir Colin Buchanan, were ardent supporters of Maplin: but, for every such remark, there were as many exposing the slim oundation on which they were ased. If by creating an enterprise —for example a new port—some 40 miles away from existing and similar facilities, if building a massive new town the same distance away, if concentrating all investment on the north east bank of the Thomes. and thereby starving the southern bank of its fair store, can be termed bringing enormous advan-tages in the East End, John Young may be correct:

A rational appraisal of the facts points the other way, to the inter-pretation that Maplin would have hastened and not checked, the deterioration of the East End and Themeside, and that its cancellation was a blessing for that too long neglected area. Surely John Young does not think that the Best Enders would have commuted to the new jobs—if they had arisen— at Mapkin? If they moved the necessary 40 miles, what would have taken their place? A regeneration? Yours sincerely, DERRICK WOOD,

Chairman, The Defendent of Essex Association The Chase, Paglesham E End, Rockford,

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Political activity of judges

From Mr Peter Thomson

Sir. The following statement is a auminary of my prepared address to the House of Commons which I was not allowed to make on December 6. Judges have been chairmen of Commissions on the Constitution of Scotland—both local and national and have issued reports and taken part in public debates on these matters. Sheriffs have acted as returning officers at parliamentary elections. And the Lord Chancellor as Speaker of the House of Lords takes part in political activities. If issuing a report on the need and procedure for an impartial plebiscite on the constitution of Scotland ounts to unfitness for office. Parliament has frequently sanctioned similar misbehaviour. If it is wrong, Perliament has a duty to pur matters

No one has been able to say in what way my plebiscite activities were connected with my duties in court. This is the crux of the matter. trivill be the first time a judge has been removed from office when no such connection has been made. It would thus be a dangerous precedent opening the way to secret actions and the consequent abandon-

independence of the judiciary.

I am content to leave to what happens hereafter judgment of my personal actions in this matter, which were in any event, considered by the judges to be irrelevant to the point to be decided. If not answering letters amounts to statutory misbehaviour, then I misbehaved. If

behaviour, then I misbehaved. If not answering a summons which I considered both groundless and insulting is statutory misbehaviour, then I misbehaved.

But the point is, in what way did any misbehaviour impair or affect or connect up with my duties in court. The decision on this point will decide the future of the doctrine of the independence of the judiciary in the United Kingdow. Yours sincerely,

PETER THOMSON, Havehhead Farm House, Uddingston,

London rail links From the Managing Director (Rail-

sylvanta from the Managing Director (Rau-louge), London Transport
Sir, The article by John Young en-titled "Fest trains link Heathrow with West End" (UK Airports sup-plement, December 9) states the facts about the Underground link to Heathrow which is due to open next Friday, without indicating that this particular form of rail connexion will be unique in any of the world's parucular rorm of rail connexion will be unique in any of the world's capital cities. But it does perpetuate notions which I had hoped planners would have dropped by this time.

The idea that it was "little short of a planning disaster" that Victoria was not developed as a multi-purpose rail / has / coach / lindam

toria was not developed as a multi-purpose rail / bus / coach / Under-ground interchange is the opposite of the truth: It would have been a planning disaster of the first mag-nitude to have produced such a monster. The idea of chucking down in immense transport interchange with all the additional road traffic that it would create in the Victoria area, where the existing level of activity and land value is very high, was rightly thrown out when it was last seriously examined, and it ought to stay in the wastepaper

Mr Young's article also shows a hankering in relation to a revived Maplin project for "high speed public transport connexion with centrai London, possibly by mono rail or tracked hovercraft." This sort of of thing was popular among planning writers ten to fifteen years ago; but everywhere in the world where it has been acrously examined it has been discarded in favour of some more orthodox—the nthusiast would no doobt call it square "—solution which would use the best form of tracked trans-port we have or are likely to have for a long time, which is a highlass railway. Yours feithfully,

R. M. ROBBINS, Managing Director (Railways), London Transport, 55 Broadway, SW1.

Buying books From Mr J. D. Cable

Sir, The press, particularly at this time of year, invites us to buy books rime of year, invites us to buy books for Christmas presents.

Have you tried to buy a book recently? I mean a particular book? No way. "We can order it."

"How long?" "Four to six weeks."

The retail outlets blame computers. Whatever the reason, it seems odd that a concern with a warehouse full of books it wants to sell cannot get one to a customer.

sell cannot get one to a customer eager to buy. Yours faithfully,

J. D. CABLE, Glan-Hir, Ynyslas.

Heavy breathing From Commander E. K. Somerville-Jones, RN, and others

Sir, It was with interest that we read (December 13) about Com-mander Belton and team mounting the MOD Stairs in the crawler lane, while Admirals sailed by in the fast. To this, may we humbly propose a solution. We would be more last. than happy to lend our office (26th floor) to Commander Belton and associates, in order that they may become as fit as we now are. On completion of their training, they could return to MOD, able to cruise up the stairs with ease, not overtaking, but accompanying Admirals (though a respectful two stairs behind). They might even be able to carry the Admirals' heavy

We have the honour to be, Sir, your obedient servants E. K. SOMERVILLE-JONES, M. J. LARMUTH, J. BENSTED. W W. CRAIG. P. H. W. B. BLYTH, C. J. STAIT, Royal Navy Presentation Team, Room 2607 Empress State Building. Earls Court. SW6. December 13.

Challenge from developing nations

From Dr Rita Cruise O'Brien
Sir, One can only applaud the initiative in your article, on the beginning of that important process.
Yours faithfully, RITA CRUISE O'BRIEN. challenge from developing nations (William Rees-Mogs, December 12) as a step towards the creation of The Institute of Development University of Sussex. better understanding of world Brighton,

problems. But your argument about the supposed threat to our living standards if we do not take full account of cheap manufactured ex-ports from developing countries continues to portray an arena of confrontation which is unfortunate.

You cite, for example, the electronics industry, and the unequal cost of world labour which makes imports (meinly produced "off-shore" under licence to large firms) shore mader licence to large firms) from developing countries competitive. This small but growing manufactured export (which has in the short run been one of the more successful in the total UNCTAD list) is now threatened by a technological breakthrough in the industry which will withdraw production back to industrialized countries, as computerized processes of essembly in semi-conductors become cheaper than using cottage industry overseas. The concentration of power hased on science and technology cheaper man using cottage moustry based on science and rechnology thus has the capacity to shift rapidly the labour composition in a world industry. This is the dilemma of those countries trying to seek their rightful place in the sun.

"their rightful place in the sun".

What "sems of battle" have countries which produce such goods? Surely, we must begin to realize that the importance of improved market access is linked directly to the general well being of the world economy, not just a threat to our living standards. Recovery from the world recession is much slower than has been expected, and this has severely bit the reduction in demand for goods and services from developing countries. Only a small proportion of the deterioration in their financial position can be attributed to the oil tion can be attributed to the oil price increases, in contrast to how it has been portrayed. Private banks stepped in to help these coun-tries "ride out" the recession by

tries "ride out" the recession by borrowing.

Crises of repayment in many of these countries and methods to cope with it have also reached your columns in recent weeks. In the face of delayed recovery in the world economy, debt processing has taken 'sp a major part of the incomes of developing countries in recent years, unable to amerge from the victous cycle of the debt tran. But were it not for that trap. But were it not for that borrowing, the growth in many developing countries (particularly those of Latin America) which has helped to keep the recession from setting even worse would never have occurred. Twenty-seven per-cent of United States exports go to the non-OPEC developing countries.

Despite an awareness of this problem, protectionism is still an important means of dealing with important means of dealing with recession problems at home. It is biased precisely against the very products the Third World needs to export in order to get them our of debt. Continued slow recovery implies major risks for the finan-cial community as well as Third their exports.

We are dealing with a one world of us all. The necessity to convince the GATT and the OBCD countries of this perspective is of cardinal importance. It is heartening to see that the Branch Commission's initial statement already takes account of this (The Times, December 13). The climete of opinion for this world perspective—within which developed, developing and least-developed countries share different parts—is dependent on the press and other media making it understood. May this be a sign of the

Sir, I was very happy to read William Rees-Mogg's article (December 12) analysing some of the dangers the industrialized world is facing from developing countries.
It is a subject that has not been given adequate attention by either of the major political parties or by the CBI and TUC. From wherever political stance

From Mr G. E. McWatters

you take, it is only too easy either to talk of the inefficient lame duck industries when the panacea is all out free trade or you tell the stories of unfair trading and the need to

conserve employment.

For the past 11 years, I have been closely involved in footwear manufacture, one of the industries sadly now in eclipse. I realize I am not alone when I talk to friends in shipbuilding tanning and textiles. They, like me, are trying to plan a sensible way ahead for their companies—but too frequently amongst political friends we hear impossible thoughts and ideas which only conchoughts and ideas which only con-firm belief that politicians are sadly lacking in industrial savoir-faire and unlikely to come up with work-able solutions to the problems of competition we are facing from developing countries, other than let our industries disappear.

Thelieve we as a nation have got to decide between the industries we wish to keep and those we are

got to decide between the industries we wish to keep and those we are prepared to see go. I know that EEC believe this problem is their concern, but in the end, it really must be our own responsibility.

Surely there are industries that should be termed strategic—food and clothing being the front runners. My philosophy being that it is contrary to the national interest to be too much in the hands of a foreign supplier—remembering only too well what happened to oil and oil supplies only a few years ago. These strategic industries need government support and this must be wholeheartedly accepted by be wholeheariedly accepted by Labour, Tory, CBI and TUC and all others who are interested parties, especially the tax payer and the consumer as port of the price we must pay for our national

security.

The interested parties much fully appreciate why we have enjoyed an influx of these imported manu-factured goods The main ressons

(a) Much higher labour costs and greater job protection than in the developing world.

(b) Much higher rates of taxation to meet the cost of the Welfare State.

(c) Much higher internal interest

rates and financing charges in com-parison with cheap loans and grants. from bedies like the World Bank.

(d) Free trade.
We have handicapped ourselves out of commercial competition with developing countries, even in the home warker. Surely with industries like tannous, clothing, hosiery, textiles, gloving, footwear, we should so structure ouotas and government aid that at least belf of our nation's requirements are made in this

country.

It is easy for industries to disannear—we have already seen this happen. What happens in the sad event of international confrontation—surely we do not want to be the ones fighting in regs and herefoot? It is free made that must disappear and not our industries. Yours sincerely, GEORGE McWATTERS,

17 Chester Terrace, Regent's Park, NWI.

Insulating houses

From the President of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers Sir, The proposal to spend £320m on improving the thermal insulaon improving the thermal insula-tion of houses it praiseworthy. Even Nature gives her support in that most of the materials to be used for the purpose can be manufactured with a comparatively low expendi-ture of energy and are duruble. Consequently, there is a good pros-pect that the energy expended in completing the project will be more than recovered in due course, pro-vided that the tenants who benefit vided that the tenants who benefit do not take advantage of their low

dissipation rate by becoming hothouse flowers and by learning to enjoy a 30°C ambience. I am confident that the Energy Secretary will regard this first serious large scale attempt at energy saving within the country as only a beginning. There are other ways in which even greater savings can be made, and I trust that the govern-ment will not be deterred from exploring these possibilities because ney are less likely to make the

Every manufactured article con-spines energy both in the production of its raw materials and in

Individual freedom

From Sir Keith Joseph, MP for Leeds, North East (Conservative) Sir, I believe that many people in this country, including many Labour Party supporters, are worried about the unremitting erosion of individual freedom.

Despite this widespread and welf-founded apprehension, the "Labour Party Programme 1976" published by the National Executive Commit-tee of the Labour Party would it implemented, represent a giant-stride further towards totalitarianism. Previous programmes from the same source, "Signposts for the 60s" and "Labour Party Pro-gramme 1973"—though dismissed at the time as salve rattling—have largely implemented by Labour Governments.

It was against this background that I took part in a debate with Mr. Benn, ornanized by the Cobden Trust, on "Socialism and Civil. Liberty". I argued that socialism and freedom are incompatible; that political and economic liberty are intended and economic liberty are inter-dependent; that with all re-sources controlled by the state there would be no independent decentralized ownership to support the writers, critics and reformers

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able scope for reducing this energy input by careful choice of materials, by designing to reduce or obviore machining and, by the elimination of redundant components. Planning for longer product life may create

their conversion to the usable finished product. There is consider-

problems but sooner or later they too will have to be faced.

My Institution is, in fact, arranging a two-day meeting next March under the heading "The Materials Question". It will not set out to advance the frontiers of materials technology, but to draw attention to the fact that it makes no sense to hold endless debates on the energy problem while ignoring the ways in which materials are won and used. Let us hope that interested government departments will take advantage of the opportunity to explore with us further ways in which to save energy on a large scale, not by vest expenditure of money, but by exploiting new engineering techniques. Yours faithfully, HUGH FORD. President.

though not a sufficient, condition

The Institution of Mechanical Engineers, I Birdcage Walk, Westminster, SW1.

diction in terms.

KEITH JOSEPH.

Flouse of Commons.

essential to a free society; that free enterprise is a necessary,

for freedom. I suggested that democracy could not alone safeguard civil liberty because while it answers the question, "Who should make the law?" it does not answer the question. "What limits should there he to the power of the law-makers?" I argued that only a pluralist society can be a free society and that excitations are society and that excitations. "Who should make the that socialist pluralism is a contra-

> In reply. Mr Benn shirked every argument. He asserted that democ. racy would protect civil liberty and that, anyway, civil liberty is simply a label for middle-class privilege. It seems to me that the subject deserves fuller discussion. For this reason, I would welcome an invitation from any suitable body to de-bate the topic with Mr Benn or any one of his Cabinet colleagues on a public platform. I would make went and would accept rules deaigned to elicit the real issues. Yours faithfully.

Curbing the sale of pornography

From the Bishop of Manchester Sir, Does my memory decaive me, or was it Mr John Trevelyan who described that famous exercise in sadism, A Clockwork Orange, as an important social document? If so, we may gauge the standard of judg-ment that will inform the Publica-tions Control Board in helping publishers of pornography to discharge their social responsibilities (for-sooth); and those of us who live in Manchester may feel thankful that we have a Chief Constable with a greater grasp of the realities of commercial exploitation. Yours faithfuly,

PATRICK MANCHESTER. Bishopscourt, Bury New Road, Manchester. December 13.

From Mr R A. Pullan

From Mr R. A. Pullan
Sir, John Trevelyan writes (December 12) criticizing the Chief Constable of Greater Manchester for his raids on pornographic bookshops. The Publications Control Board, of which he is President, does not of course (in spite of its official sounding name) represent other than a sectional commercial interest. Its purpose of keeping its members books and magazines within the law is presumably equally as well served by sumably equally as well served by seeing that the law is ineffective, as by curbing its members' excesses, Personally, I find it encouraging that at last, after years of apparent indifference by those in authority, the Chief Constable, the Metropolicae

the Chief Constable, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, the Leader of the GLC, and others, are saying "enough".

There is surely after all a distinct lack of reality in the views of Mr Trevelyan (leaving asidness) because own if it may be true that a certain small group of people may have found liberation from their hangups through looking at pornographic books (though there is no clear evidence of this—rather in fact, the available evidence points to the contrary); and even if also a large number of adults, like Mr D. B. Taylor (letters, December 7) D. B. Taylor (letters, December 7) simply have a taste for variety", the cost in terms of the effect on those who participate in the pro-duction of these books; of the depersonalization of sexual relationships; of the increase in infidelity; of the damage to family life; and of the spoiling of so many ordinary social relationships, is so great that these other alleged benefits hardly begin to justify themselves.

And curbing pornography has little in common with political censorship. In fact in so far as porno-graphy weakens our sockety, the likelihood of real political consorship grows.

R. A. PULLAN, 4 Nelson Road, Wanstead, E11.

From Mr D. A. Acland Sir, On December 12 you published a letter signed by the "President of the Publications Control Board" under the beading "Curbing the sale of pornography". W. H. Smith was mentioned in the letter. The Publications Control Board

has been set up by publishers of this kind of meterial. The extent The extent its independence is unclear W. H. Smith are not connected with it in any way. Yours felthfully, DAVID ACLAND,

Chief Executive, W. H. Smith & Son Ltd. 10 New Fetter Lane, EC4.

BAOR shortages From Sir Ian Gitmour, MP for East

Sir, The alarming report in your celumns (December 14) about BAOR's equipment shortages hardly reflects the opening sentence of your leading article a few days earlier, on December 10, which asserted that "Noto is now in better shape than it has been for some

Ever since the Government em-barked on its disestrous series of defence cuts, we in the Opposition have constantly stressed the seriousness of the cumulative effects of those cuts on the capability of our front line forces. Our mistivines have been reinforced by the findings of an all-party Select Commit-tee precisely in some of the areas revealed by your correspondent—those of air defeace, anti-;ank canhbility, and equinment deferments eine prime examples.
Only recently Parn's Secretary

General, Dr Luns, has voiced similar concern in a stern rebule to Mr Mulley about the effects of Lebour's cuts.
It is high time the Government

recognized the extent to which their neplect of our defences-both equipment and pro-has croded the confidence and marale of our hard pressed armed forces. Yours frithfully IAN GILMOUR,

House of Commons.

The courteous gulf From Mr J. D. S. Bloch Sir, Mr Dawson's Jetter (December

Almost ell birds vocate a vantage point in favour of a newcomer cither from fear of its shadow or because the pressure of wind from its bearing wings causes loss of balance and subscouent take-off. However, would be observers are edvised not to stand directly beneath their flannols or flight path because the apparent courtesof the gulls would not extend to them. Yours sincerely,

JOHN PLOCEL Little Orchard, Steep, Nr Perestield. Hampshire. December 14.

From Mr Reginald Basanquet Sir, Gullibilita? Yours faithfulls. REGINALD ROCAMULIET

Independent Television News Ltd. 48 Wells Street, WL



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE December 15: His Excellency Amayew Wolde-Glorgis was received in audience by The Queen this morning and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Provisional Military Government of Socialist Ethiopia to the Court of St James's.

His Excellency was accompanied

Court of St James's.

His Excellency was accompanied by the following members of the Embassy, who had the honour of being presented to Her Majesty: Ato Mesmaku Asrat (Counsellor), Ato Tesfaye Demeke (First Secretary), Ato Akililu Kidan (First Secretary), Ato Getahun Dessalegn (Second Secretary) and Ato Demelash Teshome (Attaché).

Madame Ayalew had the honour of being received by The Queen.
Mr R. A. Bibbert (Deputy Under-Secretary) of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) who had the honour of being received by Her Majesty, was present and the Gendemen of he Household in Waiting were in greadance.

His Excellency Segur Don

he Housebold in Waiting were in prendance. His Excellency Señor Don Adhemar Montagne and Señora de Montagne were received in farewell audience by The Oueen and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotendary from the Rapublic

Today's birthdays

Professor Sir Harold Bailey, 78:
Mr F. R. Brown, 57: Judge
Myrella Cohen, QC, 50: Sir Jaspar
Hollom, 60: Lord Margadale, 71:
Vice-Admiral Sir Charles Norris,
77: Air Chief Marshal Str Hubert
Petch, 73: Sir Victor Pritthett, 77:
Sir Roland Symonette, 79: Mr
Justice Thompson, 70.

Marriage

Mr W. P. Wilkins and Mrs L. S. Brantiy

and Mrs L. S. Brantly
The marriage took place quietly
on December 9 between Mr
William Powell Wilkins, son of
the late William Vaughan Wilkins
and of Mrs M. I. Wilkins, of
Carreg Cennen, Llandedlo, Dyfed,
and Mrs L. S. Brantly, daughter
of Mr N. O. Brantly, of Frederick,
Oklahoma, and Mrs E. A. Brantly,
of Ardmore, Philadelphia.

Today's engagements

The Queen travels by Underground from Hatton Cross to Heathrow Central, 11.10; opens extension of Piccadilly Line to London Airport, 11.30. The Prince of Wales attends performance of L'Enjance du Christ by Berlioz given by English Chamber Orchestra and Music Society, Festival Hall, 7.50.

Exhibition of Sarah Churchil's paintings and lithographs, 24 Wellington Road, 5r John's Wood, 2-6. and light classics, Royal Phil-harmonic Orchestra, 8.

Whitechapai Art Gallery: The Fairground, exhibition of paintings and craftwork by fairground Carol services: All Hallows-by-the-Tower, 12.30; St Martin-withiu-Ludgate, Cocilian Singers,

Historic London pub walk: Fleet Street, meet St Paul's station, 7.30.

Latest wills

Latest estates include (net, before Robinson, Mr Leonard Princhard, of Poulton-le-Fylde, solicitor and bridge administrator . 1166,465 Briggs. Major John Mindrum, of Cornhill-on-Tweed . £124,843 Rickard, Mr Cloud, of Beckenham £183,832 Misson, Mr Percy Thomas Harold, of Waterheach . . . £151,224
Barton, Mr Frank Gordon, of Brondey £202.041 Glyn-Woods, Mr Samuel, of Brain-tree, master mariner £110,438 of Peru to the Court of St James's.

Mr C. T. Brant was received in audience by The Queen and kissed hands upon his appointment as Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Doha.

Mrs Brant had the honour of being received by The Queen. The Duke of Edinburgh arrived at Reathrow Airport, London, this afternoon in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight from Brussels.

The Prince of Wales, Pairon of the Transglobe Expedition, attended a Presentation given by the members of the Expedition at Ruckingham Palaca

Buckingham Palace.

His Royal Highness attended the Royal Charity Premiere of The Royal Charity Premiere of The Deep at the Odeou Chema, Leicester Square, in aid of the English National Opera Benevolent Fund and the Variety Club Heart Foundation.

Foundation.
KENSINGTON PALACE
December 15: The Duke of Gloucester took the Salute at the Passing Out Parade of The Junior Leaders' Regiment, Royal Armoured Corps, Bovington Camp, Dorset, this morning.
His Royal Highness travelled in an alreralt of The Queen's Flight.
Lieutenant-Colonel Simon Bland was in attendance. YORK HOUSE

YORK HOUSE
December 15: The Duchess of
Kent, Patron of the "Not Forgotten" Association, this afternoon attended the Association's
Christmas Party at the Royal
Mews, Buckingham Palace.
Her Royal Highness, Patron of
the Spastics Society, this evening
artended the Olympia International
Show Jumping Championships in
aid of the Stars" Organization for
Spastics.

Miss Jane Pugh was in atten-

Sir Graham and Lady-Rowlandson would like to take this opportunity of wishing all their friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include: Lord Denham to be Conservative Chief Whip in the House of Lords in succession to Lord St Aldwyn, who has retired. Lord Mowbray, Segrave and Stourton to be

Vice-Admiral S. F. Berthon to be Deputy Chief of the Defence Staff (Operational Requirements) in March, 1978, in succession to Lieutenant-General Sir Bugh Cunningham, who is retiring.

The following to be members of the committee of inquiry into police pay and related matters:
Lord Plowdes, president, Tube investments and charman of Southy Called the Matter of the department of the South of the department of social studies, Methodist College, Bellast: Bar Algo Cairaross, Master, SI Peter's College, Oxford; Mass Audrey M. Prime, former official of the National and Local Government Officers' Association.

Mr John Pugh, editor of the Liverpool Dally Post, to be editor of the Liverpool Echo and Mr Norman Cook, news editor Mr Julian Wathen, vice-chairman of Barclays Bank International, to be a member of the committee of management of the Royal National Life-boat Institution.

RHS awards The Royal Horricultural Society has made the following awards: Victoria Medal of Rongur; Mr F. W. Shepherd, Trure; Mrs D. Underwood, Colchoeler, Associates of Honour; Mr D. J. Claylon, BRS Garden, Wisley; Mr A. G. Cook, Ealing; Mr T. Cowas, Nagwards Hesth; Mr W. Davidson, Ware; Mr Mr. Drew, Whichester; Mr G. C. Norris, Commonwealth, Ward, Mr. C. W. Morris, Commonwealth, Ward, W. Morris, Commonwealth, Ward, Commonwealth, Ward, W. Martin, R. W. Mills, Mr. G. W. Mills, Mr. G. W. Dillott, Mr B. L. Burtt, Royal Botanic Garden, Gintounn, Harvard Mr G. W. Dillott, Gobham; Mr G. W. Dillott, Mr. G. W. Mills, Mr. G. W. Mr. G. W. Mills, Mr. G. W. Mil Mental Durch Flower Lowers and Lon. The Hague, for exhibit of green-house plants and florists flowers at Chelese Show.
Williams, Memoria Medel: Arieu Nurshites at Great Astuma Show. Mrs.
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25 vears ago From The Times of Tuesday, Dec 16, 1952

Jack Hobbs at 70

By Our Special Correspondent John Berry Hobbs is 70 today. This astonishing fact has come as a surprise to many lovers of cricket for whom the memory of this legendary figure is still as green as the Oval table in the days, not so long ago, when he stood slim and erect in the middle and the runs flowed in an effortless stream from his bat. To Hobbs himself the achievement of threescore years and ten has come as no less of a surprise. But for the publicity it has aroused and

as the one he gave to your correspondent—the date might have passed umoticed. For at 70 he is still silm, still alert and nimble; there is scarcely a line on his face and his hair is not, as he claims, "picked up eleven a side". As a batsman Jack Hobbs was always a delight to warth. He attacked the bowling, scored freely and fast, except when occasion demanded he should just stay there, and he delighted in short runs. He had a zest and passionate enjoyment for cricket as a game which was transmitted to the crowd. In his first game for Surrey against the Gentlemen Hobbs came up against Dr W. G. Grace. "I had never seen him before except at a distance. It was a very proud moment for me when I forced up to him. He was 2 very proud moment for me when I faced up to him. He bowled those donkey drops of his. I cannot say I found him difficult; but I did not take any liberties with him, I must admit."

Ninth-century carved ivory book cover sold for auction record of £255,000

Sale Room Correspondent

A carved fvory book cover, made in the early ninth century in Charlemagne's imperial workshops in Aachen, was sold at Sotheby's yesterday for £255,000 (estimate £150,000 to £200,000) to Partridge Fine Art, the Bond Street dealers. Fine Art, the Bond Street dealers. It is a resounding auction record for any medieval work of art, especially when buyer's premium is taken into account, which raises the price paid by Partidge to £280,500. The highest price previously recorded was £40,000 paid in 1966 for an Angle-Saxon ivory reliquary cross, now in the Victoria and Albert Museum.

Only about forty Carolingian Victoria and Albert Museum.
Only about forty Carolingian ivories are known and the plaque, carved in high relief with St John the Evangelist holding open his gospel, enthroned within an arch and surmounted by an eagle, ranks with the fluest shining examples.

t was brought to England from It was brought to Eugland from the Cominent just after the First World War. Its owners took a painting to Sotheby's hoping to raise some money; disappointed by the value the auctioneers set on it, they produced a second item saying that they supposed it was of no value either. That was the Carolingian twory.

The holes bored in the sides of the plaque indicate that it was probably moved from one book to

The engagement is announced between Simon, third son of Lieutenant-Colour and Mrs D. K. Binks, of Cherry Green, Broxted, Essex, and Prudence, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs A. J. G. Laramy, of Crosskeys, Gwent.

and Miss P. M. Norton

The engagement is aunounced between Clive, son of the late Mr Alfred Evans and of Mrs Laura Evans, of Lewisbarn, Indiana Mr Charles Norton and of Mrs Dorothy Norton, of Cascals, Portunal.

The engagement is amnounced between Stephen Allan, elder son of Mr and Mrs C. D. Giby, of Bentley, Staffordshre, and Lesley, daughter of Mr and Mrs A. W. J. Hawkey, of Bickley, Kent.

The engagement is announced between George, son of Mr and Mrs H. J. Meakin, of Selisbury, Rhodesia, and Victoria, daughter of Mr and Mrs D. H. LeRoy-Lewis, of Henfield, Sussex.

The engagement is amounced between John, son of Mr and Mrs C. T. Taylor, of Hayesford Park, Bromley, Kent, and Susau, designter of Mr and Mrs M. H. Fuller, of Faruborough Fark, Kent.

The engagement is announced between Michael, elder son of

Taunton, Somerset, and Jill, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs R. F. Pritchard, of Worcester.

r and Mrs P. K. Willia

" Net Forgotten " Association

The Duchess of Kent, Patron of the "Not Forgotten" Association, cut the Christmas cake at the

annual Christmas party for dis

abled ex-Servicemen and women held at the Royal Riding School, Bockingham Palace, yesterday. Mr Morris, Under-Secretary of State (Disabled), addressed the com-

Party

Mr G. R. Mentin and Miss V. LeRoy-Lewis

Forthcoming.

marriages

another at an early date. The wear on the face of the evangelist and his eagle suggest that it was at one time considered a holy redic; those areas have been kissed so often by the faithful that the ivory has worn away.

The sale of medieval recaissance and baroque works of art proved outstandingly successful, totalling f610,518, with 4 per cent unsold. The most competitive bidding was for the rare medieval pleces and for ivories in general. Gothic revival was by no means disdained; a silver-mounted casket put together about 1810-20 with carved ivory panels was sold for the first put together about 1810-20 with carved ivory panels was sold for and objects of virtn totalled.

65.50 (estimate £1,500 to £2,500).

A bronze aquamanile in the form of a knight on horseback, dading from the thirteenth century, made £10,500 (estimate £6,000 to £8,000). A Flemish Ivory relief of the deposition, probably based on a priat and dating from about 1600, was sold for £9,600 (estimate £3,000 to £4,000) to Redford.

A Sotheby sale of uneteenth-century and modern prints also met very strong bidding, totalling £224,495 with 7 per cent unsold. The main item was an Edvard Munch woodcut of 1898, printed in tolours, "Fraven am Meeresuler", at £40,000 (estimate £28,000 to £34,000).

Most impressions of the woodcut are printed in blue and green; this combined yellow, orange and black with subtle tones of green

Therese Waither.

It was only at Sotheby's Belgravia that the big lot of the day failed to find a buyer. It was a vast silver dinner and dessert service made in 1921 for the Maharaja Dhiraj of Patiala; it weighs 15.914 or and was unsold at £130,000. The sale of silver and objects of virth totalled £272.767, with 52 per cent unsold; if one discounts the big lot the percentage comes down to 10.

Sotheby's sale of lewels myde Sotheby's sale of Jewels mode £132,152, with 7 per cent unsold. At Sotheby's Chancery Lane an auction of nineteenth-century and modern books made £14,971, with less than I per cent unsold.
At Christie's a sale of English

and Continental oak furniture brought the highest total in the auctioneers' history for such a sale at £954,889, with 7 per cent Christie's sale of furniture and works of art in Rome made £40,523, with 58 per cent unsold and a sale of tribal and pre-Columbian arts in New York on Wednesday made £88,619, with 49

Luncheons

Stock Exchange Stock Exchange
The Chancellor of the Exchequer
Mr Dennis Healey, and the Governor of the Bank of England, Mr
Gordon Richardson, were giests
of honour at the Stock Exchange
Christmas luncheon given yesterday by the Council of the Stock
Exchange, Othors present weeks. The Earl of Airlio, Mr N. F. Allhouse, Mr R. J. Barnes, Mr A. Ballishill, Sr James Blair-Cauruchame, the Hen Peter Brooke, MP. Sr Peter Carv.

Earl of Airlie, Mr M. F. Allhaus,
R. J. Bernes, Mr A. Bullshill,
James Blair-Canymohanes, the Hon
F Brooke, MP, Ser Peter Carvy,
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F. C. E. Bernes, Mr M. J. G. Gussner,
Sami, Mr R. A. Henderson, Bir
ger Bollyn, Sir Havrlock Hudson,
J. G. Kunnington, Mr Robin Leigh
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K. G. Sewith and Mr A. F. Tuke. institute of Metal Phisbing

Institute of Meial Finishing
The annual luncheon of the Institute of Metal Finishing took place
ar the City University yesterday.
The president, Mr R. H. Pinner,
replied to the toest of the Institute. Other speakers were Profeesor D. J. Alner, of the City
University, Dr S. Wernick and Mr
R. G. A. Pearce.

Dinners

Prime Minister and Mrs chilaghan were hosts at a dinner at 10 Downing Street yesterday evening in honour of Sir Douglas and Lady Alien. The other guests R. Sulyak, Mr R. Alien, Lord and Lady Paari, Mr William Rodeers, Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. Rodeers, Mr. and Mrs. Rodeers, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Richardson, Lord and Lady Rodeers, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Richardson, Lord and Lady Rodeers, Mr. and Mrs. Rodeers, Mr. and Mrs. Rodeers, Mr. and Mrs. Rodeers, Mr. and Mrs. William Kendall, Sir John and Lady Hunt, Sir Poughts, and Lady Wash, Mr. Milliam Kendall, Sir John and Lady Wash, Mr. Mrs. William Kendall, Mrs. Rodeers, Mr. and Mrs. Rodeers, Mr. a

Turners' Company
The Lord Mayor was represented
by Alderman Sir Hugh Wontner
who, with the Sheriffs, was the
guest of honour at a livery dinner
of the Turners' Company held et
Apothecarles' Hall last night. The
Master, Mr William Benton, prasided, assisted by the Upper
Warden, Mr Felix Levy, and the
Remer Warden, Mr George Farmer. The speakers were Sir Hugh
Wontner, Mr Andrew Breach, the
Master and the Upper Warden,
Other guests included the Master
Cutler, Mr S. L. Speight, the
Master of the Apothecarles'
Society, Mr L G. Jackson, and
Major-General H. MacdonaldSmith.

Service dinner 9th/12th Royal Lancers (Prince of

Wates's)
The annual regimental dinner of officers of the 9th/12th Royal Lancers (Prince of Wates's) was held last night at Fishmongers' Hall, Brigadier Lord Grimthorpe, Colonel of the Regiment, presided.

Lambeth doctorates for three churchmen

Correspondent

Three Lambetti doctorates, honorary degrees in the gift of the Archbishop of Camerbury, are to be conferred on distinguished be conferred on distinguished churchmen next month. The degrees originate from Henry VIII's breek with the Papacy, when certain powers possessed by the primate on the Pope's behalf became the king's prerogative. Decame the king's prerogative.

The secretary of the Anglican
Consultative Council, the Right
Rev John Howe, is to be awarded
a degree of doctor of divinity,
as is the new Deen of Salisbury,
the Very Rev Sydney Evans, who

was for 20 years Dean of King's College London. Bishop Howe, a bishop of the Scortish Episcopal Church, has been secretary of the council since 1971 and is partly responsible for organizing next year's Lambeth Conference.

The degree of doctor of civil law is to be awarded to Mr David Caray. For 20 years he has been legal secretary to the Archbishop of Centerbury. serving under three incumbents of that office, He has also been principal registrar of the province of Canterbury since 1959. He joined the ecclesiastical law firm of Lee, Bolton and Lee as an articled clerk in 1938, and is now its senior partner.

University news

Oxford Oxford
The Leverhulma Trust has awarded a grant of up to £50,000 over five years for research on the prevention of cerebral palsy in children, to be conducted at the John Radcliffe Hospital on behalf of the Royal College of Physicians by Professor J. P. M. Tizard, professor of paediatrics.
Dabbin
Professor Michael A. Slote, PhD. associate professor of philosophy, New York State University, has been appointed professor of philosophy.

sophy.

The honorary degree of DMus has been conferred on Manislav Rostrogovich, the cellist

Grants: £15.347 (Supplement) from Caucer Research Campaign to Dr N. J. Disa-mock for anciear function and virus supplementary

received the company of the control E35,000 from the Royal Commission

on the National Health Service to Pro-fessor J. R. Perrin for menagement of financial resources in the National Service. As a service of the National Classics for the National Service of the Dr D. E. Griffiths for colactor-role of unsaturated faity acids in oxi-dative phosphorylation: tabilities by sleesty trans-UFA and eracle acid. Surrey

Dr B. H. Archer, BSc (Econ),
MA. PhD, Director of the Institute
of Economic Research, University
College, Bangor, has been
appointed professor and head of
the department of hotel, catering
and tourism management.
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Grants

Science Research Council: 274,320 to Dr L. J. S. Bradbury and Dr W. O. Moss, for work on development and supply the second of the second ion imparituon usung mga meyaring power.
2.15.000 from Sheil UK to Professor C. Robinson. for work on economics of \$219.980 from Building Research Establishment to Dr. D. V. Canter, for study of behaviour in fires.

Church news Diocese of Chelmsford

Immunology: Natural cancer defence

Science report

mune response to tumour cells is not the same as that which acts against bacteria or even foreign organ grafts. It is only recently that they have begun to identify the "natural killers" of tumour cells and now hologists in Sweden

One of the most promising approaches to cancer treatment seemed once to be the boosting of the body's natural immune system. The idea was that the system can distinguish tumour cells from normal ones and if its activity could be increased it might be able to destroy them in the same way that it would a bacterium or any other unwelcome invadar.

However, in the course of research on that possibility, immunologists discovered that the immune response to tumour cells is not the same as that which acts

the idea did not fit with what was known of the imminue system and the imminue system and its relationship to cancer. For one thing, people who had naturally defficient immune systems, or who were on immunous uppressions or who were on immunous uppressions also develop more cancer than other people.

Second, mice born without any of the white blood cells that are known to be involved in killing foreign organisms also seemed no more prone than normal mice to develop tumours.

It has turned out, however, that blood samples from normal and editorial in Nature that it is It has turned out, however, that blood samples from normal people and cancer patients do contain white blood cells capable of killing tumour cells. They do not belong to any of the known kinds of white blood cell, however, and recent research has been directed at establishing firmly that they exist and that they kill tumours. cells, and now biologists in Sweden have tested the more recent ideas with mice and shown that normal mice do possess "unconventional" immune cells that enable them to reject tumours.

The theory behind all the restant they believe the aim of investigations by Dr O. Haller and Dr

portant in resistance to cancer. Professor R. W. Baldwin, of Northerham University writes in and editorial in Nature that it is still not clear whether they are a decisive factor.

There is, he says, other evidence in their favour. Preparations that have been reported to have some effect in boosting resistance to certain cancers in man can also be shown to boost natural killer At present, however, there is

The Rev J. D. Brown, priest-in-harge of St. Peter's Enisconal Church, Kirkeridy, discose of St. School Church, Kirkeridy, discose of St. School Church Enst. Angla University, discose of Norwich, to be chaplains to Chelman Norwich, to be chaplains to Language Morwich, to be chaplains to Language ford Cathodrel.

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if St. Helen's, Bishopspale, with St.
Marlin's, Othwhole, Clay of docese of
London, to be Vicar of St. Mary with
St. John's, Old Harlow
The Very Roy H. M. C. Price,
Provost of Chelmsford Caihodral, to
be provat emprius, Diocese of Derby The Rev E. Fisher, curate of Chaster-rield, to be Team Vicar in the Buxton and Burbage Team Ministry, with responsibility for hospitals and nursing

home.

The Rev R. W. Fryer, Vient of Instey, diocese of Searchife. to be prior in-charge of Searchife. Charlesworth, in charge of Samusloy, to be priest-in-charge of the partish.

Inner Temple The following prizes have been awarded by the Inner Temple for achievement in the Bar examina-

OBITUARY

PROFESSOR H. E. STREET Research in plant physiology

Professor of Botany at Swan-sea and late of Leicester University.
A prominent British scientist,

who started his career as a pharmacist before entering the field of Plant Physiology, he held lecturing posts at the Universities of Nottingham and Manchester, before going to University College, Swansea, in 1954. Thirteen years later, in 1967, he moved to Leicester, where as Professor of Botany and founding chairman of the new School of Biological Sciences, he lent his energies and inspiration to establishing a highly successful Teaching and Research School.

Herbert Street was a dis-tinguished botanist who made substantial coatributions to several areas of plant physio-logy. His early researches were concerned with the nitrogen metabolism of the intact green plant. However, it is for his important researches on the growth, metabolism and devel-opment, first of cultured excised roots, and later of plant cell cultures that he became recognized as an international authority and for which he will be remembered. Over the past the application of advanced micro-biological culture techniques to a study of the growth kinetics of plant, cells. His recent work on embryogenesis

Professor H. E. Street who in cell cultures is an important died on December 4, had been contribution to the subject. Professor of Botany at Swan-sea and late of Leicester stimulated the use of plant tissue and organ cultures as a major research tool both through his researches and his activities in the International Association of Plant Tissue Cul-ture which he was instrumental in founding and of which he was a past president. Under his presidency, the association held its highly successful 3rd International Congress at Leicester, in 1974.

His devotion to teaching and research were combined in the to young post graduate and post doctoral workers, many of whom now occupy positions in whom now occupy positions in research establishments throughout the world. Professor Street's research group at Leicester attracted numerous visiting scientists from Britain and overseas and became an acknowledged centre of excellence in plant tissue culture. His wider interests in botany were recognized when he was elected president of the Botanical Section of the British Association. He was an extrewely enthusiastic person always willing to discuss research problems with others and a teacher par excellence, pre-senting his science with an unmarched enthusiasm, born of the excitement which it gave to him,

SIR GILMOUR MENZIES ANDERSON

Sir Gilmour Menzies Anderson, CBE, who died on December 12 was an admirable example of the citizen soldier who in peace time gave of his leisure to the Territorial Army, rose to the occasion in time of war, and thereafter contributed from his dual experience to the common

Born in 1914, the son of William Menzles Anderson, DSO, MC, a solicitor and citizen DSO, MC, a solution and critisen soldier cast in exactly the same mould, "Gkm" Anderson was educated at Glasgow High School and University, and was admitted solicitor in his father's firm in 1939, having been elected to Glasgow Corporation a year earlier, at the tender age of 24.

Although commissioned as a Territorial in the Highland Light Infantry, he found himself in 1942 a major in The King's Liverpool Regiment, in a battalion converted into Chindits. Two weeks after the then Brigadier Wingste crossed the Chindwin into Burms, he spoolned Anderson to be his

Major General Cecil Bruce
Robertson CB, CBE, MC, daughter of President Theodore
Director of Combined Operations (Military) from 1943 to
1945, died on December 4 at
Chudleigh, Devon, at the age of
80. He was Chief of Staff,
Southern Command 1947-48 and
a Deputy Lieutenant and Justice

Overer Bay. New York. She a Deputy Lieutenant and Justice of the Peace for Devon.

discharged admirably. Wingate was notoriously difficult to serve, and the campaign notoriously exacting from the physical point of view. Furthermore, Anderson was far from robust; and the manner in which he defied and refined Wingate's more outrageous orders, inserted bimself as a washer between his commander and the recipients of Wingate's outbursts, and the courage with which he endured and sur-mounted the physical ordeal to which he was subjected at the same time, serned the admira-tion and affection of all who saw him exercising these sterling and gallant qualities.

During the 1944 expedition, Anderson commanded the training school for the

training school for the Chindits, retiring as a brigadier in 1945, and resuming, modestly, both his place as a solicitor and as a Glasgow city councillor. He became Chairman of the Conservative Party in Scotland, and was knighted for his services in this capacity in 1982. He married in 1943 in in 1962. He married in 1943, in India, Ivy Beryl Shairp, nes Chadwick. A daughter and an

of Archibald Roosevelt, died on December 3 at her home in Oyster Bay, New York. She was 36.

MISS NUNA **DAVEY** Varied career on the London stage

Miss Nuna Davey, the actress, who died on December 11, at the age of 74, had been a warmly, reassuring presence in-a number of Loudon plays, ranging between Shakespeare, Chekhov and Gogol, and modern comedy. She had had valuable repertory experience, including 18 months with the Bristol Old Vic, and she could fortify any cast.

Born at Cawopore, India, on December 19, 1902—her real rigorous training which he gave name was Margaret Symondsand educated privately, she studied at the Royal Academy. of Dramatic Art, made a debut in 1922, and did a great variety of work, including a long West Indian tour (1933-35), and cabaret at the Players' Theatre (1938-42)—before settling into many substantial parts. Two of these in 1944 were amply satisfying: Sarah Jane, "the Jehovah's hard maid" in Emlyn Williams's W. 'sh comedy, The Druid's Rest (St Martin's) and, later that year, the arch and titled animal lover in James Bridie's Brains Trust diversion. It Depends What You Mean. of Dramatic Art, made a debut It Depends What You Mean. During the following May in. The Government Inspector (Arts) she played the fond and foolish wife of the Mayor. In the Playhouse production of Maugham's Our Betters (1946), a revival which had only a short life, she was the overwhelming Duchess.

Thenceforward, after a successful and exacting period in the Bristol. she was back in London as Paulina in The Secgull (Lyric, Hammersmith, and St James's, 1949), Lady Macduff at the Arts, and, for the Old Vic company in the first season of its return to Waterloo
Road, the exuberant pig-women
in Bartholomew Fair, the
Hostess in Henry V, and Mistress Quickly in The Merry
Wives of Windsor.
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Wives of Windsor.

In general, long runs eluded her, though she was with Wilfred Pickles in The Gay Dog (Piccadilly, 1952), acted the housekeeper, Mrs Pearce, in the John Clements revival of Pysmalion at the St James's (1953), and the Burgomaster's wife in Peter Brook's production of The Visit, with the Lunts (Royalty, 1960).

She was married to the actor Garald Cross.

Juan Antonio Sumces Fernandez, who died in Madrid on December 6 at the age of 86, was the main architect of Spain's industrialization after Spain's industrianzation atterthe 1936-39 civil war and founder of the large state holding group Institute Nacional de Industria (INI). A of General Franco, Senor Suances set up INI in 1941 when he was Minister of Indus-try. He headed the organization until his resignation in 1963.

Mr Michael Antony Moyse Robb, CMG, Minister (Information) at the British Embassy in Washington 1961-65, and Minis-ter, British Embassy, Pretoria, 1965-69, died on December 11.

The Chancellor's second Letter of Intent

in Washington.

in Washington.

In my letter of 15th December, 1976, I described the programme adopted by the United Kingdom to strengthen the balance of payments over a three-year period, to create the conditions for a reduction in the high rates of inflation then prevailing, and to provide a basis for sustainable growth in output, employment. growth in output, employment, and living standards. During the first year of our stabilization programme the confidence of the financial markets has returned, the control of the financial markets has returned, the external payments position has strengthened markedly and a decisive turn in the pace of inflation has been achieved.

The maintenance of the social contract with the trade union movement, which kept the growth of average earnings to 8 per cent in the year ending July 1977, has been crucial to this success. The moderation of pay sertlements, together with an improvement in our terms of trade the external payments position has settlements, together with an improvement in our terms of trade and the pursuit of firm financial policies, has led to a marked slowing down in the growth of retail prices. retail prices.

retail prices.

The year-on-year rate of increase had already fallen from 17.7 per cent in June to 14.1 percent in mid-October, and since the spring the underlying rate has been well below the annual rate. This justifies the expectation that the annual increase will full below 10 per cent by the middle of 1978.

The successful application of The successful application of the system of cash limits and the

use of the contingency reserve as a means of keeping expenditure within the published plans have helped to establish firm control over public spending. The ratio of public expenditure to national income has been reduced. Comincome has been reduced. Com-bined with buoyant revenues and a steady improvement of the finances of the public enterprise sector, this has helped to provide room for further tax reliefs, increased social benefits and assistance to the construction industry.

The return of confidence in The return of confidence in

sterling produced massive inflows of capital which have increased our foreign reserves to over \$20 billion by the end of November. These inflows inevitably injected additional liquidity into the economy while exerting persistent upward pressure on the exchange rate. In presenting the 1977-78 Endget I stated the Government's

The following letter was sent ifon tactics in the exchange mar-on Wednesday by Mr. Healey to the managing director of the international Monetary Fund in Washington.

tary policies.
Following this change shortterm interest rates adjusted to a
level appropriate to my domestic
monetary objectives. The Government remains convinced of the
need to provide a stable framework of financial policy on which
to build an enduring recovery of
the economy in the next year and
beyond.

the economic struation during 1977 have not, as yet, been accompanied by a resumption of significant economic growth. The fiscal measures amounced in October, 1977, were designed to strengthen the forces of recovery. Provided earnings can be held within the Government's objectives, growth of about 31 per cent per annum should be attainable between the second bair of 1977 and the second half of 1978 and should be consistent with achieving a significant current account surplus in both 1977-78 and 1978-79.

The benefits of North Sea of both 1977-78 and 1978-79.

The benefits of North Sea oil will create the conditions in which it should be possible to maintain a surplus on the current account for a number of years. This will be needed to help meet the United Kingdom's external debt repayment obligations and to contribute to the financing of structural capital flows including those arising from export credit.

The score for stimulating the

ing from export credit.

The scope for stimulating the economy further will depend to an important extent on the competitive performance of British industry and on the movement of costs and prices. The industrial strategy is intended to achieve a marked improvement in the trading performance of British industry at home and overseas. Measures to improve productivity, raise investment and encourage retraining are important and continuing aspects of Government policy, and they have the support of management and unions.

policy, and they have the support of management and unious.

We have however to take account of past increases in domestic costs higher than those of most other industrial countries and of the recent appreciation of sterious. Large improvements in performance cannot be achieved quickly and the burden of protecting the United Kingdom's compenitiveness and thus employment will continue to fall squarely on the containment of domestic costs. We have therefore striven, in close consultation with the Trades Union Congress and the Confederation of British Industry, to contain the growth of average

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anical reduction in our present innocceptably high level of unempleyment. In its approach to the exchange rare, the Government will follow a flexible policy, with the objectives of avoiding disruptive fluctuations in the rate, maintaining monetary guidelines and preserving the competitive position of Bridsh industry. In other policies which affect the exchange rate the Government will take account of these objectives.

The Government is determined to continue its firm control of public spending, and the counterinflationary thrust of its monetary policies. It will maintain orderly conditions in financial markets. These will require both control over the money supply and moderation in DCE. DCE for the financial year so far has been well below the level which I originally envisaged: this has been associated with the substantial inflows of overseas funds.

This situation has ended with the change of exchange market tactics and I expect DCE to come back nearer to the levels envisaged earlier, and possibly to make my some of the earlier shortfall: Nevertheless, I expect DCE in 1977-78 and the first quarter of 1978-79 together to be within the total of 27.7 billion earlier envisaged for 1977-78 alone. In addition, I expect the Public Sector Borrowing Requirement for 1978-79 not to exceed the figure of 28.6 billion referred to in paragraph 14 of my letter of 15th December, 1976.

I shall take account of these considerations in deciding whether the prospects for the economy; and particularly for wage settlements and prices, make it possible for me to give a stimulus to the economy in my Budget for 1978-79. During next May on the occasion of the normal Article VIII consultation I expect to review policies further with the Fund for the final period of the standby, which expires on January 2nd, 1979, unless the Government decides before that date that continuations expressed in paragraph 24 of my letter of 15th December

The Government reiterates its intentions expressed in paragraph 24 of my letter of 15th December 1976 and, in particular, its firm opposition to generalised restrictions on trade, and does not intend to introduce restrictions on imports for balance of payments reasons. The Government has stated that it is prepared, in current economic circumstances. To consider the further new of temconsider the further use of tem-porary selective measures where particular industries which ire

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Pessimistic view of jobs outlook in Bank of England secret document

By Melvyn Westlake A secret Bank of England ocument, which foresees no sceptable way of substanrially reducing unemployment in Britain for several years, has been revealed in Tribune—the newspaper of the left wing of the Labour Party.

The Tribune report seems

special to cause a political special moon to cause a political special moon and sharpen the debate over the demand for generalized import controls.

The author of the secret document, who is a Bank of England staff economist, apparaths arrives the special controls.

employment to below the one million mark in the 1980s—that: is an average annual growth is, an average annual growth rare of more than 4 per cent-would mean disaster for the trade balance because British industry could not supply the extra: demand, and imports would be sucked in.

According to the Tribus re-

port, the document says that even a more modest rate of growth of between 34 and 4 per cent, and cutting unemployment to 1.1 million within four years—is rejected.

Both the Treasury and the Bank of England are said to believe that export led growth of much more than 31 per cent per annum would place intoler-able strains on manufacturing

report quotes the ocument ase saying that we are driven to conclude that, failing unconventional policies to correct the balance of trade, the scop for reducing unemployment in the medium term is relatively limited, despite the assistance of North Sea oil. All that can be hoped for is a 'small but welcome fall'

Wilson Committee which commissioned it. Sir Harold Wilson, who is leading a major investi-

yesterday described the Bank's report as "a bit thin" and "mainly historic".

"more probing " work would be required if the report was to

meet the committee's objectives, which were to analyse

why the secondary banking and property crisis "distortion" occurred; to see what the con-sequences were and what they still are.

an interim "progress report" on his committee's work, which

so far has been concerned with the provision of funds for industry. Work on this stage of the inquiry is still going on and

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Financial Editor

An account of the 1973/74

Property crisis by the Bank of a point which had already been demonstrated by early action by

By Andrew Goodrick-Clarke , no means cermin.

the lines advocated by the Cambridge Economic Policy Group. The views of this group are also considered in the secret document, and the case for import controls is rejected.

The "overwhelming" argument against import controls, the document says, is that the extra demand in the home market would lead to potential ex-ports being "sucked back into the economy".

The secret document is also aid to be scathing about said to be scathing about British industry. It reveals considerable differences of opinion within the Treasury and the Bank of England over policy towards the exchange rate. These differences

of opinion run along predict-On one side are those people, who argue for a little simulation for the economy and gradual depreciation of sterling. On the other, are the monetarists who edvocate the maintenance of restrictive policies and a constant—or

even small appreciation-of the pound. The secret document, which is an internal discussion paper on medium-term economic problems, also considers what should be done with the extra

national income from North Sea oil. Here it falls back on a Treasury study which suggests using the money to repay inter-national debts or to make room for a large amount of overseas investment.

Lest night the Bank of England issued a statement confirming the existence of the document in question. How-ever, they suggested that it was written by a junior economist By "unconventional" policies seven months ago and was not se document appears to be re- s policy document. Nor did it ferring to import controls along represent the Bank's views.

the Government to help small companies following evidence to the Wilson Committee that a

finencing gap exists in this area.

The compattee had no objection to changes taking place during the period of its inquiry,

and was quite happy to make recommendations on "what was left at the end of the day", said Sir Harold.

German rescue measures fail to rally dollar

By Caroline Atkinson
Foreign exchange markets appeared
yesterday to reject German measures
aimed at holding down the souring Deutsche mark against the dollar.

Sales of dollars began again almost as soon as the German Federal Bank announced the measures in the afternoon. After rising and falling erratic-ally the dollar closed little changed from Wednesday's record lows.

In New York the pound closed at \$1.8502, compared with \$1.8478 the

Germany's measures consist of a half point cut in the discount rate and some controls on inflows of specularive funds

into the country.

Before the Federal Bank's press conference the dollar picked up quite sharply. Dealers were expecting an announcement of significant controls

which would revive the dollar and covering themselves. In the event the measures were something of an anti-

climax. Many people believe that the dollar has been driven down farther than makes economic sense. But no one in the markets is now willing to back that

view by buying dollars.

In the past two and a half months the dollar has lost over 10 per cent of its value against the yen and the Swiss franc, and 71 per cent against the Deutsche mark. Since the beginning of this month

the prassure on the mark has intensified. It has risen by nearly 4 per cent against the dollar in the last two weeks. This has become an increasing source of anxiety in Germany since it will hit at the profitability and growth of

However, the attempts of the German, and other European governments to win American support for a large and intervention in the coordinated

markets have failed.
The Carter Administration hopes the dollar's fall will encourage the German and Japanese Governments in particular to expand their economies, if they do not, their growth will be slowed down by the rise in their currencies. currencies.

In Tokyo the bank of Japan yester-day demonstrated its willingness to keep purchasing vast amounts of dollars to prevent the American currency from declining further against the yen. Local dealers estimated that the bank absorbed between \$750m and \$800m as the turnover in the spot market swelled to \$883m, the highest volume in about

standing on the sidelines to some extent. The pound has not risen so much against the dollar as have the yen, mark and Swiss franc. This means British competitiveness with regard to those countries is actually improved by the dollar's decline. Sterling's effective exchange rate did rise slightly resterday from 63.4 to 63.6, although it closed down 10

points against the dollar-at \$1.8465. When the markets lose confidence in a currency it is extremely difficult to turn sentiment round. Most dealers expect the dollar to come under

continuing bouts of pressure I's decline is putting great pressure on the European currency "snake" because the wasker currencies within

responsibilities.

Federal Bank introduces controls to check cash inflows

From Peter Norman Frankfurt, Dec 15

As well as announcing cuts in leading interest rates and moves to neutralize some of the "hot money" that has flown into West Germany in the past fortnight, the German Federal Bank's central council decided bank's central council decrees today on a partial reintroduc-tion of exchange controls. It will no longer permit non-resi-dents to buy German domestic securities with maturities between two and four years.

At a press conference after the meeting. Dr Otmar Emminger, the Federel Bank president, amounced that Germany's bank rate, which has been pegged at 3.5 per cent since September 1975, would be cut to 3 per cent from tomorrow. The Lombard rate at which banks per the person of the control of the person of banks can borrow from the Federal Bank against collateral is being cut to 3.5 per cent from per cent. .

To counteract the affects of the inflows of foreign funds on domestic liquidity, the meeting decided to raise the minimum reserve rate for foreign held iabilities in commercial banks. From the beginning of next year German banks will have to deposit 20 per cent of their foreign-held liabilities in non-

financing, was outlined yester-day by Mr Dell, Secretary of State for Trade.

The new arrangements will take effect from April 1 and involve replacement of the present refinancing formula with a new and more fierble.

with a new and more flexible

one.

In the first instance the clearing banks, which at present have a monopoly of export credits, have agreed to extend the proportion of export financing which they carry on their own books.

own books.

Until last year the clearers took into their own portfolios export loans backed by the Export Credits Guarantee

Department up to an amount equal to 18 per cent of their current account balances.

Thereafter, all loans were refinanced by ECGD. Last year

interest bearing accounts at the Federal Bank, compared with 12.75 per cent at present. The minimum reserve rates for time deposits are being increased to 15 per cent from 8.95 per cent and those on savings deposits to 10 per cent from 5.65 per cent. At the same time new inflows of foreign funds will be channelled into the Federal Bank's non-interest-bearing accounts as a result of a new regulation whereby 100 per cent of the growth of the bank's foreign liabilities from January 1, should be placed in a special minimum reserve account.
The Federal Bank's council

also found the time to set a money supply target for 1978.

Accordingly the Federal Bank will aim for an average growth of 8 per cent in its central bank money stock next year, com-pared with 1977. The target, which is unchanged from that for this year, implies a rise of between 5 and 7 per cent in central bank money, between the fourth quarter of this year and the final quarter of 1978. After the meeting Dr Emminger said the foreign ex-

change markets were wrong in their assessment of the Deutsche mark. The 10 per cent revaluadollar since June and the 7

Wider scheme for sterling financing of

agreed to increase the propor-tion they will finence immedi-arely to 22 per cent—at present it is still 21 per cent—but under

it is still 21 per cent—but under the new arrangement this figure will rise to 24 per cent.— With effect from April 1 this formula will be frozen, and the new scheme will be thrown open to all authorized banks in-corporated in the United King-dom, thus breaking the former clearing herk monorals.

clearing bank monopoly.

Banks will only be able to

Banks will only be able to refinance export credits maturing in more than five years. ECGD estimates that about 20 per cent of stering fixed-rate finance carries a maturity of more than five years, and on the basis of the year ending next April, when loans are foreset to core! shows \$1.500m the

cast to total abour £1,600m, the amount eligible for refinance had the new scheme been in

exports will end clearers' monopoly

By Christopher Wilkins

A new scheme which will allow British banks to increase their sterling financing of financed £2,195m out of bank exports, while avoiding a significant rise in Government refinancing, was outlined yester-day by Mr Dell, Secretary of the sterling financed to increase the state of the sterling financing as a state of the state of the



Otto Graf Lambsdorff, West German Economics Minister (left) with Dr Otmar Emminger, central bank president and Dr Hans Apel, Finance Minister after yesterday's meeting of the central bank council.

per cent upwards valuation against the Federal Bank's weighted average of currencies were not justified by price and cost developments.

But he conceded that the bank's powers for action were limited. The dollar problem was a worldwide problem and solution lay primarily with the United States. On the other hand, the Federal Bank recog-

financing scheme introduced w

But to the extent that i

The uncertainty is bow far the banks will want to increase

their sterling lending of up to five years. Although lending under ECGD guarantees is risk-free, it is of long maturity, illiquid and poses problems of matching deposits with liabili-

However, the banks have said they will be able to provide the necessary level of finance, and the admission of new partici-pants will broaden potential loan sources.

oreign currency.

short- term,

Dr Emminger admitted the half point cut in bank and the Lombard rates will hardly deter speculative funds from flowing into Germany in hopes of a re-valuation profit. But he said that interest rate differentials

nized that the United States, times and would be important in monetary suthorides had only stabilizing conditions in the limited scope for action in the European currency "snake".

He expected the interest rate changes might push down short term and Euromark cates by perhaps one half percentage point. He argued that Germeny could not venture on a steeper interest rate cut because that interest rate differentials of its inflation rate which is were important in more normal currently around 3.7 per cent.

Private sector to qualify for European loans

operation would be about £320m.
The latest scheme is not By Malcolm Brown.
The Department of Industry By stages the clearers have the end of last year, under antee exchange rate losses, thus puttered of next year.

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Ing private borrowers on a level: "The bank is prepared to with the state industries which ger cover through the Bank of the cost of fixed assets of the to denominate virtually all their ing private borrowers on a level with the state industries which get cover through the Bank of big buyer credit business in allows the banks to step up their own sterling lending for up to five years it will clearly add an additional flexibility to the cur-

England.
This facility has not existed for private borrowers with the result that the bulk of last year's £250m United Klagdom. borrowing from the investment bank went to netionalized industries.

Provision will be made in the scheme to bring smaller companies within the ambit of the EIB: up to £20m has been ast aside to be channelled through government departments to companies seeking loans of less than £2.6m—the present lower loan limit set by the EIB.

the EIB.

Mr Alan Williams, Minister Mr. Alan Williams, Minister of State for Industry, said yesterday, that the scheme resulted from an initiative by the Prime Minister.

Earlier this year, as president of the Council of Ministers of the EEC, Mr. Callaghan had asked the European institutions including the content institutions in the content in the content

pean institutions, including the EIB, to consider how they could encourage investment in the Community to provide opportunities for reducing opportunities for feducing unemployment. The Minister said that the

1972, and apply to employmentis introducing a scheme to creating projects in manufac-facilitate private industry turing industry in the special forrowing from the European development and development Investment Bank. It will areas and in Northern Ireland, guarantee borrowers seging It will be reviewed towards the

section 7 of the Industry Act.

peoject up to their normal maximum of £60m". Mr
Williams said. "They do not make loans of less than £2.5m.

make loans of less than £2.5m.

"I am pleased to say, however, that we have made special arrangements to enable the smaller companies to take loans from £30,000 upwards".

Under the special arrangements agreed with the bank, loans from £30,000 to £2.6m will be made through the appropribe made through the appropri-ate government department which will both provide a guarantee against exchange losses and, where necessary, a commercial guarantes of re-

The department said yester-day that the rates of interest likely to be charged by the EIB would be 74 per cent for 7-year money; money at 10 years would cost around 8 per cent. The Government's charge for the exchange risk scheme would be about 1 per cent per annum.

In the Commons yesterday,
Mr Dell, Secretary of State for

Trade, unnounced a new insurance scheme for large over-seas projects worth £50m or

the new year By Clifford Webb Mr Alex Park 51, chief executive of British Leyland until Mr Michael Edwardes was appointed full-time chairman six weeks ago, is leaving the eroup early next year. His departure has been widely predicted within the industry since his effective demotion to the position of an executive vicechairman with much reduced

la statements last night both men acknowledged that the new relationship was unlikely to prove successful. They insisted, however, that they were parting on friendly terms.

Mr Edwardes said: "Alex Park and I have agreed that he will leave British Leyland in the first quarter of the new year. Over the past few years Alex has been committed to the compony and has made great efforts to achieve the objectives which were set. In the event there have been management changes, including my own appointment of full-time chairman.

"In all the circumstances we have come to the conclusion that the role he has recently taken up is unlikely to work out in the long term and so be will now pursue his career outside the company.

"On behalf of the board and all his many friends and colleagues in British Leyland wish him every success in the future.'

Mr Park was not himself available but a statement issued on his behalf by the company quoted him as saving: "I am sad to be leaving British Ley-land but I believe that my doparture is in the best interests of the company and my own career.

"I remain on the best of terms with Michael Edwarder and I would like to take this and I would like to take this opportunity of wishing his and everyone else at British Leyland all the best for the future. Mr Park does not appoar to have a new job vet although according to friends he has received a number of approaches A colleague said last night:

"I think it has been obvious to everyone here that Alex was placed in an impossible position placed in an impossible position
It is not the first time that
Mr Park has been placed in a
difficult situation. In mid-1975 Lord Ryder took him from the comparative seclusion of finance director and thrust him into the limelight as chief executive of a British Leyland rescued from the brink of bankruptcy by extensive government inter It was a tramendous set-up

It was a fremendous setup for a man who although acknowledged to be one of the best financial directors in the industry was a comparative novice in the political jungle which surrounds the company's relationship with the parent National Enterprise Board and the Department of Industry.

He was given a ready made ream of executives and a business plan chosen and mapped out by Lord Ryder. A more

ness plan chosen and mapped out by Lord Ryder. A more experienced administrator would only have accepted such a task after a great deal more bargaining than Mr Park is known to have engaged in.

The original intention was to shield him from political manceuving by appointing a partime chairman of wide experience. In practice this proved unworkable and was finally dropped with the arrival of Mr Edwards as the first full-time chairman.

chairman.

The vacant post of executive vice-chairman will be filled by Mr David Andrews, the present managing director of Leyland International. Mr Peter McGrath, finance director of Leyland Truck & Bus, will act as managing director of Leyland International. chairman. land International.

Hill Samuel will shift banking

thrust overseas By Ronald Pullen Banking Correspondent .

Hill Samuel has barked on a big reorientation of its activities away from the United Kingdom towards the international merchant banking field. These changes were underlined yesterday by a clutch of boardroom changes designed to provide the bank with the management structure to underpin the shift in emphasis.

Sir Robert Clark, at present group chief executive, is moving away from the day-to-day operations of the merchant bank subsidiary, of which he remains chairman, to "concentrate on the affairs of the group as a

Stepping into his shoes as chief executive of the merchant bank is Mr John Eiton, a former chairman of Alean Aluminium (UK). Joining him on the domestic side will be Mr Richard Lloyd, at present chief executive of Williams & Glyn's Bank who will head up the merchant bank's United Kingdom division.

To highlight the increased importance that is being given to the overseas side, Mr David Clarke and Mr Mark Johnson, who are at present joint managing directors of Hill Samuel Australia, are joining the main board, and Mr Christopher Castleman is to become managing director of Hill Samuel's South African operation.

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said Sir Harold. Work on the second stage of the investigation—to examine closely the actual functioning of the City institutions—was beginning. Two main panels had been set up within the committee to undertake this task. On the third question of whether state ownership should be further extended in the financial sector, no pressure for early consideration had been brought on the committee. Sir Harold nevertheless promised objective" consideration. Meanwhile, important issues were being raised with the com-

unlikely to be completed until Easter. But it was already clear. Sir Harold said, that the prob-lem was not one of supply of funds but the fact that "the cheques are not being signed". mittee, among them EEC Com-mission suggestions that Britalo 50 far the committee had been able to come up with a was operating a foreign exchange cartel. " If it is to be unanimous report on our assessment of the evidence"; suggested that anyone can set up as a foreign exchange dealer regardless of experience and ability then this could raise very serious questions", Sir Harold ssible that some form of interim report containing recommendations would be pro-duced early next year, but by

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sent norices by the Office of Fair Trading, under the Restric-tive Trade Practices Act, 1976. requiring them to provide de-tails of alleged price-fixing agreements in the supply of road surfacing materials, known inquiries were belped

Nine companies have been It is understood the OFT by a former executive

How the markets moved

5p to 672p 6p to 196p 10p to 475p

2p to 47p 12p to 291p

5p to 190p 10p to 230p

3p to 39p 2p to 36p

Sterling lost 10 pts to \$1.8465. The effective exchange rate index

Gold lost \$1.25 an ounce to \$158.875.

SDR-6 was 1.20119 while SDR-5 was 0.650769.

On other pages

Business appoinments

Appointments vacant

Bank Base Rates Table

Wall Street

Japan's new growth target of 7% welcomed by US He held out the possibility

Washington, Dec 15.—Japan has adopted a 7 per cent economic growth target for the year starting April 1, it was announced today at the conclusion of United States-Japanese economic miles. Mr Robert Strauss, America's

international trade negotiator, said this was a "very positiva step" in Japan's efforts to reduce its current account surplus and to resolve other prob-lems with the United States.
"We are encouraged", he told a press conference, but added that America and Japan had not resolved numerous basic economic issues. He also said that the tariff reductions and other hteps announced thus

far by Japan were "still inacte-quate" to meet the needs of both countries.

7p to 395p 1p to 19p 4p to 180p 4p to 550p

5p to 370p 4p to 110p

Selection Trust Textured Jersey

Unilever 4p to 320 Walker & Homer 2p to 13p 3p to 48p

Taverner R'tige 6p to 133p
Tube Invest 6p to 544p
Watson & Philip 24p to 65p

Equities were quiet.

Annual Statements:

Manganese Bronze Holdings

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Banking Group

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Commodities: Reuter's index was at 1431.4 (previous 1437.4).

Gilt-edged securities scored gains.

Dollar premium 94 per cent (37.29

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Malayan Tin

He held out the possibility that America and Japan might hold another round of bilateral negotiations in Tokyo in January, but he stressed that he did not intend to go to Japan for further talks unless such meetings could produce "meaningful" results, "If we can close the gap, I would look forward to Tokyo."

Mr Nobuhiko Ushiba, Japanese Minister for External Econ-omic Affairs, said he hoped that his country's comminment to reduce its current account surplus in international payments would permit the yen to stop appreciating against the dollar and find a reasonable level. He added that Japan's surplus might be reduced to a low level within two years.

The Times index: 200.77+0.27 The FT index: 472.1-1.9

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34.75 Plates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barchaya Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other forcing courage business.

Ransome Hoffmann Pollard 20 Vaux Breweries

Interim Statement: Wilkinson Match

January L . £3,000m support for British Rail By Michael Baily

Sir Rowland Wright, retiring

chairman of ICI, who is to suc-ceed Mr Anthony Binny as

chairman of Associated Port-land Cement, Mr Binny, who

is 66, was appointed chairman in October, 1975. He will be stepping down from the chairmanship and from the board in May. Sir Rowland, who is 67, will join the APCM board as a

non-executive director on Janu

ary 1. He retires as chairman of ICI on March 31. Mr A. D.

Stirling and Mr K. W. Court bave also been elected to the

APCM board with effect from

Transport Correspondent British Rail receives support of £3,000m in the new Trans port Bill published yesterday This is twice the sum provided in the last measure of its kind; but ministers said yesterday that the difference was primarily due to inflation.

The £3,000m can be spent

over an unspecified oumber of years, subject to parliamentary approval, but the rate will be contained at about £350m a year in 1976 terms as set out in the transport White Paper earlier this year, it was empha-The Bill also provided for

transfer of control of Freight-liners to British Rail with no addition to the railways' capital debt, and for a capital reconstruction of the National Freight Corporation which Sir Daniel Pettit, its chairman, last night described as "less than



Cope Allman International Limited

An international Group of companies engaged in packaging, engineering, · fashion and leisure.

Highlights from the Chairman's Report on Year ended

.. 2nd July 1977

Pre-tax Profits near £10M

Further Growth in Exports Strengthened Balance Sheet

High level of Capital Spending to continue

Against a 25% uplift in sales, profits increased by over 50%. The dividend is increased by 10%, the maximum permitted. Earnings per share (before exceptional items) rose from 7.71p to 11.43p. _Capital expenditure reached £9.5M and the continuing substantial investment programme should safeguard the future prosperity of the Group.

> Louis Manson, Chairman 27 Hill Street London W.1.

> > The state of the s

By Arthur Reed Air Correspondent

British Aerospace is con-

desing an apportant and

lighly ettractive civil aircraft

manufacturing deal proposed to

it by McDonnell Douglas, the big American company. The McDonnell Douglas

contains

particularly in North America, of the HS 146, a British 70/100-

which has been completed, and reach is now on a "back surner" at the British Aero-

work on a second-generation supersonic airliner for 1995, with 273 seats, a 5,000 nautical mile range, and the advantages over the existing Concorde of

quietness and profitability.

3—Joint development, with the
West Germans, of a new 160 to
180-seater subsonic ATMR
(advance technology mediumrange) airliner to tap a world

MONEY SUPPLY

The following are the figures released for the monthly amount of the money stock, seasonally

adjusted at the mid-month make-

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CUMULATIVE TOTAL FOR 1977/78

@ 7,700m

Italy payments surplus

Milan, Dec 15.—Italy's bal-ance of payments showed a surplus of 33,000m lire (£22m) in November, according to pro-

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Growth limits: 1977/78

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marketing,

works at Hatfield, Hert-

important constituents.

role in American airliner project

marker estimated at 3,000 air-craft over 10 years.

It is the third project which

is vital to the near and medium future of the British aircraft

industry. British Aerospace has already made it clear that it wants to be involved in such

a project and has been having

lengthy discussions with the French, Germans and Dutch

British Aerospace has its own design, the X-11, but has recently shelved it in favour of

But many problems remain to be solved before such a joint

project goes ahead, in particular persuading the French to accept British leadership of the

The McDonnell Douglas pro-

position has the great attraction for Britain of linking this country's aircraft industry

firmly in with the American air-

The United States company has sold 1,000 of its DC9 air-

Leyland Truck and Bus yes-

terday announced plans to build

a £33.7m technical centre and

test track at its Leyland,

with

announced earlier this year the

naker has now committed more than £100m of capital investment under Mr Des Pitcher its new managing direc-

tor. This is the department's

biggest programms announced so far and the speed with which it is being undertaken contrasts sharply with the delays in Leyland Cars invest-

meat plans, where yet another internal review is being carried

Since the formation of British Leyland in 1968 the profitable truck side has been

Anti-dumning procedures have

been opened by the European

Commission against imports

from Japan and America of

wrought unalloyed titanium and

packing paper. The Commission

has also protested to the

Canadians about curbs on shoe imports from the EEC.

EEC companies allege that Japanese titanium imports, in the form of strip, sheet, plate, bers and wire, will account for 32 per cent of the Community matrix this ways companied with

he Bank of Italy yesterday, only 16 per cent three years per cent dumping margin be-

Brussells, Dec 15

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The Secretary of State for Industry asked the Board to release Sir William Barlow to take up the appointment of Chairman of the Post Office. The new Chairman is Mr. John Eccles who took over on October 1, 1977. Since the formation of RHP in 1970 the objective of creating a strong viable British-owned bearing



Copies of the Report are available from the Secretary, Ransome Hoffmann Pollard Ltd.

British Aerospace is offered major Specialist chemicals spending boost urged

Sharp increases were urged yesterday in capital investment by companies involved in the manufacture of specialized organic chemicals during the next few years.

It has already been broadly

and contains many advanced

features, such as a supercritical wing, composite materials, and digital avionics. Engines would be a version of the Rolls-Royce RB 211—the clipped 535.

But there would be a great deal of design work in the pipe-line for British and German partners. McDonnell Douglas has made it clear to the board

of British Aerospace that it does

not wish to see Britain as a tin

bending subcontractor, and that

it would be happy to see this

country having leadership of projects on a rotating basis.

and the Germans would share the project work in roughly equal thirds and would finance

their own portions. France, with whom McDonnell is dis-

enchanted after an abortive partnership to build a succes-sor to the unsuccessful Mercure

airliner, would not figure as an initial partner,

Leyland Truck and Bus division to build

starved of capital to bolster up the ailing cars operation. One of the areas in which it has

fallen behind is the develop-ment of new models.

It has been handicapped in this work by the lack of advanced test facilities and laboratories. The existing Ley-

land test track was laid down during the Second World War

Plans have already been announced for a new £31.8m

truck assembly plant at Ley-land which will double output

Mr Pitcher seid yesterday:
"By spending more than £65m
in the north-west we are
proving our determination to
modernize Leyland to a
standard equalled by few of

standard equalled by few of the major world commercial vehicle makers. This will ensure that our profitable truck and bus business becomes

EEC acts on US, Japan dumping claims

year, and do not include alloyed titanium used in aircraft. A market that has been successfully exploited by the Japanese is the use of classium for weld-

ing tupes in condensers for power stations and oil refineries. The complaint against the American "kraft liner" paper imports has been lodged by French companies, which account for 75 per cent of EEC production, but it is supported by other Community producers. It is alleged that there is an 18

of vehicles of over 28 tons.

for tank-testing.

£33.7m technical centre and test track

McDonnell, British Aerospace

rigued by McDonnell Donelas

The cell was made in the first report prepared by the sector working party for specialist chemicals as part of the Government's industrial strategy and will be considered at the meeting of the National Economic Development Council in February

According to the report, new fixed capital spending on all organic chemicals has amounted to an average of about £160m a year in the past five years. More than 220m of this should have been spent on specialized organic materials. The working party noted that although a considerable increase was required, spending had been constrained by the high costs of some crucial basic materials, and the financial constraints placed on smaller chemical companies,

complement the

facility expansion programme worth more than £30m which

itself vital if we are to intro-

duce rapidly new models as extensively tested and proved

The centre will be on 150 acres at Moss Side, owned by

Central Lancashire Develop-ment Corporation. The test

ment Corporation. The test track is already out to tender. Work at Moss Side which is 13

miles from Leyland's head-quarters, will start shortly with

Under EEC rules the perties involved in the damping allegations have 30 days in which to furnish the Commission with

before being introduced

working party are high value organic chemicals, which self from about fil a kilo. They represent the link between the basic petrochemicals of the upstream sector and the down pharmaceuticals and dyestuffs. United Kingdom sales are estimated at about £400m a year but there is a trade deficit of some £40m. The strategy proposed by the working party would involve a larger number of products being competitively supplied from companies to meet home

and export opportunities.

The working party said that the objective should be to balance the trade of the specia lized organics sector by the early to mid-1980s.
To achieve this the report said, British exports, which have been rising at about 1.5 per cent annually faster than those of West Germany, would have to rise another 4 per cent.
Total sales could then be roughly doubled in real terms over the next 8 years.

8 pc drop in crude steel

the British Steel Corporation and private sector companies this year is expected to total about 20.5 million tonues, a fail of 8 per cent on last year and about the same level as in 1975 This letest production estimate was made yesterday in the monthly survey prepared by the BSC and the British Independent Steel Producers' Association

Washington puts off decision

Washington, Dec 15.—The United States International Trade Commission by a vote of

a staff report on allegations that steel producers in the European Community were engaged in

Forecast of mortgage rate cut to 9 pc soon

solutions are either (a) complishing the 33-mile long railway runnel, commenced in 1972, or (b) the construction of a 22-mile, long immersed tunnel containing four road-large; and two rail-tracks.

The basic traffic requirement is to link the continental and Linted Kingdom road and rail systems without interruption at the Straits of Dover. An immersed tunnel, as described in The Times of April 23, 1973, could accomplish this at about the same cost as the rail tunnel, if parts of such shallow areas as the Varne Bank, now dangerous to shipping, were reclaimed and used as intermediate islands where the tunnel would surface and so that no length of turnel would be more than seven miles long. This would make ventilation for road traffic possible and breek up the monotony of the Mortgage rates could be cut by as much as ‡ per cent in January, Mr. Roy. Cox. chief general manager of the Alliance Building Society, said yearerday. His personal prediction, however, was that the rate would be reduced by I per cent to 9 per cent, and the investment for road traffic possible and

production

our Scottish operations based on Bathgate and Scotsman, affecting our lighter truck models and agricultural trac-

Last month output averaged 398,800 tonnes a week, and in October 402,500 tonnes a week—

Trade Commission by a vote of three-to-two, today postponed until January 2 a decision on whether to order an investigation of steel imports from western European countries.

ITC sources said that the commission would make public

Kraft liner peoper is used for protecting goods transported in cartons. Total imports account for 24 per cent of the EEC market, and those from America are estimated to be worth \$107m a year. Community were engaged unfair import competition

information.
Canadian curbs on imports of shoes from the EEC, which restricts them to the annual lavel between 1974 and 1976, came into force at the beginning of this month of the same for

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Products covered by the Local authority borrowing

in his article of December 12 that local authority borrowing should in future be contralized Two and its aftermath when local authority borrowing requirements were mainly sup-plied by the Public Works Loan Board. I doubt very much if

local government would want to return to those stirring times and the main reason is not in my opinion, financial but the one proffered by Mr Stephen-son—their independence, Recent years have seen the

entry of central government into the local authority arena in a big way. Capital spending is almost completely controlled, is aimost completely controlled, government grants are fixed annually and subject to cash limits and we now have the possibility of an octopus-like intrusion into rate levies and authorized annual increases through a unitary grant system. It is not widely realized just how much central control of how much central control local affairs is going on.

To add the nationalization of local authority borrowing on to present control is anothens to the majority of the elected members of the local authority associations. Independence associations. Independence means a great deal to them and their record is internationally applanded. The recent volun-tary code of practice has effectively demonstrated their desire to control their own destiny. Even if the cost of local authority debt could be reduced

From Professor A. L. L. Baker

Sir, Sir Eugene Meiville (let-ters, December 13) supports the construction of a tannel to cross the English Channel in preference to a bridge. I agree with him, but it is important to study alternative types of tunnel. Two possible solutions are either (a) com-pleting the 33-mile long rail.

and the reasoning behind this argument is open to some doubt the financial ramifications between gainers and losers considerable. However, the main issue would be whether a further nail should be driven into the future of local self-government. Should we not now be looking forward to a reduction, rather than an extension, of the government's stranglehold on our centuries old local government institu-tions—to be completed by 1984? Yours faithfully, T. W. SOWERBY (recently Borough Treasurer,

London Borough of Bromley), Butler Till Ltd, London Bridge, London EC4R 9HN.

From the Director of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy Sir, I was glad to see Hugh Srephenson (December 12) saying so firmly "borrowing by a local authority in this country is as safe as any lending can be. He went on to point out that "West Ham was the last local authority to default and that was in the mid-1920s". Even those difficulties, now 50 years old, were not associated with a local authority of the kind we have today, but with kind we have today, but with the West Ham Board of Guardians, which was abolished by the Local Government Act, 1929.

Polish ship

dumping

sume there will follow rocal agreement to

KEITH THOMAS,

11 Myrtle Road,

'Honest' pricing Channel: advantages of for diesel fuel an immersed tunnel From Mr John Engleheart

ERIC WOOD.

December 12,

Such a plan was welcomed by a Channel pilot, who clearly preferred lighted islands to submerged sandbanks, at a dis-cussion held at the Institution of Civil Engineers, in 1972, Yours faithfully, A. L. L. BAKER, Sir. A recent letter advocates the retention of a punitive price for diesel road fuel on the grounds that fair compection etween fuels would favour the import of cars made in other countries where diesel engine namufacture is more advanced

authority borrowing could be reduced if local authorities bor-

rowed only from the Public

Works Loan Board. At present

they borrow in a wide variety of

ways. They can adapt their borrowing to take advantage of what is best for their individual

circumstances-local authority

revenue bills have on occasion been marginally cheaper than

Treasury bills—and their diverse range of borrowing

instruments attracts funds which would not otherwise be

As Mr Stephenson points out.

interest rates on governmen

borrowing are brought below

local authority interest rates partly by the capital gains tax

concessions on gilts. But those

concessions are part of the real

cost of government borrowing.
If local authorines had it

borrow exclusively from the government through the Public

Works Loan Board, much greater rigidity would be im-posed on them. The increased demand for funds from the can-

tral government would have the

effect—not necessarily marginal

-of pushing up the cost of its own borrowing. Abolition of the

local authority market could significantly increase the total cost of public sector borrowing. Yours faithfully,

Director. The Chartered Institute of

Public Finance and

Accountancy, 1 Buckingham Place, London SW1E 6HS.

lent to the public sector.

attracts funds

Smeritus Professor of Concrete Structures and Technology, Imperial College of Science and Technology, Department of Mechanical En-gineering, London SW7 2BU. This seems to me a dubious and slightly immoral argument. Diesel fuel has every right to be sold more cheaply than petrol, since it is less refined and incomparably safer to handle and store. We are also told that the exhaust emissions from diesel engines in proper condition are preferable on environmental grounds to those from cressi engines in proper condition are preferable on en-vironmental grounds to those from perol-driven cars. Further-more, diesel is in say case the scandard fuel for heavy trans-port and gives more miles per gallon. Sir. As our Polish ships con-tract is clearly dumping, I pre-sume there will follow a reciprocal agreement to import some of those chesp East European those and clothing from which we have been protected for many years. Yours faithfully, ERITH THOMAS

Surely there is everything to be said for an honest price policy and perhaps that might be an incentive to the British manufacturers to attempt some thing new in this field. Yours faishfully,

rshire DY12 3AY.

JOHN ENGLEHEART, Kinder Hall,

Wilkinson Match

Interim Report

W Pre-tax profits increased by 20%.

			Full Year
Group Results-unaudited	1977 £'000	1976 £'000	1976/77 £'000
TURNOVER	93,673	88,578	182,698
OPERATING PROFIT	8,994	7,528	15,289
INTEREST	1,771	1,496	2,943
PROFIT BEFORETAX	7,223	6,032	12,346
TAXATION			•
United Kingdom Overseas	1,076 2,631	727 2,361	2,095 4,223
	3,707	3,088	6,318
PROFIT AFTER TAX	3,516	2,944	6,028
MINORITY INTERESTS	859	726	1,448
ATTRIBUTABLE TO SHAREHOLDERS			
(before Extraordinary Items)	2,657	2,218	4,580
EARNINGS PER SHARE			
Basic	11.73p	9.77p	20.18p

The Directors have declared an interim dividend of 3.78177p per share for the year to 31st March, 1978, which, together with the imputed tax credit, is equivalent to 5.72995p - an increase of 10% as compared with the previous year. This dividend will be peid on 1st April, 1978 to shareholders on the register at 17th February, 1978, and will absorb £847,000 (1977-£758,000).

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RHP looking for volume increase

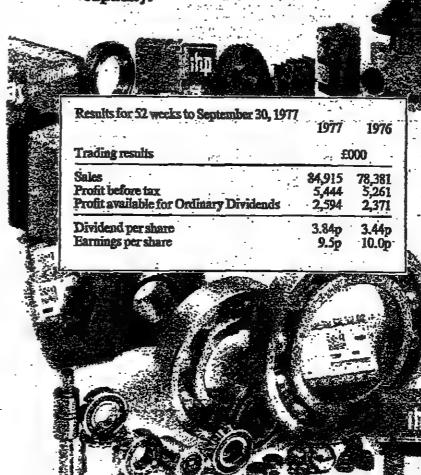
■ SALES volume maintained with an increase in exports of 18%.

EXPORTS now account for 22% of total factory deliveries.

■ BEARING margins suffered from severe world competition but RHP is well placed to obtain higher sales and good earnings when the market recovers.

MTE, the electrical company, had an excellent year. Increasing sales and profits should continue to be generated.

PHILIDAS, the fastener company although profitable, operated below



RHP's profit before interest and tax was £6.7m compared with last year's £6.5m. The pre-tax profit was £5.4m, including £1.5m from MTB, compared with £5.3m last year, including £1.3m from MTE. Sales increased to £84.9m compared with £78.4m last year, MTB accounted for £7.1m

Capital investment has continued at the high level of £6.5m following a period of sustained expenditure. In the current year investment will be only half that figure and no cash outflow on current operations is expected.

compared with £6.2m.

A final dividend of 2.40p is proposed, the maximum increase permitted, making a total of 3.84p and compared with 3.44p in

company has been achieved. In addition the company's base has been broadened by the acquisition of MTE and by developing other activities. RHP is now a name known all over the world and respected by customers and competitors.

Any substantial increase in world activity following the present long recession is expected to appear rapidly in the gross and net margins carned by RHP.



BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Meeting the money supply targets

have returned to the gilt market, there was the Bank of England yesterday announcing that money supply had in fact been growing not just faster than planned but even faster than the previously published figures had suggested. Indeed, adding back the £400m odd of misclassified public sector deposits pushes up the growth in sterling M3 so far this year to around 81 per cent, or nearly 15 per cent on annualized basis.

All, however, is not quite as bad as it seems. Those deposits will have been run off by early January and the full year outcome for monetary growth will not, apparently, be any different to what it would otherwise have been had the deposits never been placed in the system or mis-

That leaves us with an annualized growth rate for sterling M3 after seven months of the financial year of 13} per cent. Given the size of the likely undershoot in PSBR and the fact that delayed wage settlements and tax rebates are probably slowing the upturn in consumer spending and therefore the industrial demand for bank loans, money supply may now finish the year within a whisker of the original target. Meanwhile. the second letter of intent to the IMF is giving little away about next year's likely money supply targets, though the fact that the ceiling has not been raised above £8,600m may relieve some.

Distillers

Pressures from the EEC

Distillers' stock market rating currently hangs largely on the eventual outcome of EEC deliberations about its dual pricing policy. So the stock market remained unimpressed yesterday about news of a near 40 per cent pre-tax profits increase to 574.3m in the first six months. Severe distortions in the half-time trading figures caused by advance United States buying ahead of the anticipated United States dock strike have further clouded the picture with the result that the shares shed 3p yesterday to close at 170p.

A sales increase of 7 per cent to £401m reflects a fairly severe volume drop in the United Kingdom as evidenced by a duty charge of under £120m compared with £145m last time while ex-duty sales overseas bave risen 23 per cent to £172m.

One view is that the European Commission's view on dual pricing had already been discounted in the share price. An adverse ruling requiring the group to raise domestic prices by as much as 50p a bottle could result in some loss of share in United Kingdom markets but these now account for no more than 14 per cent of DCL's total Scotch

For itself DCL is not prepared to take a decision on pricing policies until the Commission's findings are published but it reports that any resolutions should have no appreciable effect in the short-term.

Whatever the level of United Kingdom spending this Christmas full-year profits should be comfortably in excess of £150m to provide a p/e ratio of around 84 while the yield is over 6 per cent. And with price increases in both home and overseas markets likely to improve profit margins next year the present rating could provide buying

Associated Engineering

Slowing down

Associated Engineering's unsuccessful bid for Serck earlier in the year always had the look of an attempt to buy growth through acquisition as internal growth eased. In the event Serck's own potential growth looks uncertain while after an explosive couple of years AE looks to be admitting that it is slowing down too.

As with many other engineering groups AE is not finding it particularly easy to move to a phase three settlement with its

just when a degree of calm appeared to workers, and the doubts over satisfactory solutions to wages claims is a major factor in assessing first half profits. But the management's caution in forecasting extends beyond that to a view that profits growth in the current year will not be as fast as in

However, the group is at pains to stress that there was no real slow down in sales growth (at constant exchange rates) between the first and second halves of last year, and the one point fall in pre-interest margins to 11.8 per cent can largely be explained by the effects of the Lucas strike.

The worry seems to be that the changes of sales mix with the growth of higher margin diesel engine and replacement part components has now largely been worked through and future gains will have to come from breaking into new higher value top-range markets, which might prove a difficult and slow process.

Profits improved by 55 per cent last year to £32.5m, comfortably beating the forecast of at least £30m, and it would clearly be unreasonable to expect growth to continue at that sort of rate.

Undoubtedly the 8 per cent rise in pro duction of trucks and buses in the United Kingdom and a further growth in replace-ment parts, making up for a drop in lower margin business in aircraft components last year, had a big impact on the results. In the current year it is not expected that there will be any significant growth in truck and bus production in the United Kingdom but there is likely to be a rise in United King-dom car registrations.

There are doubts as to whether this will be taken up by imports or by improved production of home manufacturers, but either way margins on original equipment are not so great as on replacement parts. However, it is too early to write off Associated Engineering as a growth company, given that it could achieve a 15 per cent rise in profits in the current year.

Even so, a yield of 6 per cent at 117p and a p/e of 8.6 in the current climate for engineering shares looks under pressure.



● The indifferent market rating of Charter-house, whose chairman is Mr Nigel Mobbs (above), is due largely to its unexciting mix of banking and industrial interests, which a failure to perform at the profits level. Those reservations are apparent in the latest full year figures although pre-tax profits up from £7.4m to £8.5m broadly matched market expectations.

The banking and distribution activities ve done markedly better and insurance broking and development capital would have done so but for sterling's weakness, but the construction interests have turned out to be the Achilles' heel this time round. Here the Charcon subsidiary has been laid low by the downturn in the construction industry and despite profits from the rest of this side operating losses of £1.04m have been sustained against last pear's £1.2m

For 1978 the hope is that Charterhouse will get on an even keel. The indications are more promising than for some years with construction losses likely to be over, and there should be a maiden contribution of £1m, rising to £2m in 1979, from the Michael Neale, a consulting environment of the construction of £2m in 1979, from the Michael Neale, a consulting environment.

With a little luck that should mean £12m pre-tax at Charterhouse next pear which should lower the historic p/e ratio of just over 10 at 59p by some 3 points. Meanwhile, retentions of only £262,000 has meant only should lower the historic p/e ratio of just over 10 at 59p by some 3 points. Meanwhile, retentions of only £262,000 has meant only a maintained distribution this year though the yield is still usefully above the market average at nearly 9 per cent.

John Whitmore

Towards new monetary goals

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The sooner Circistmas comes, the happier financial markets are going to be. They have been living on their nerves for the past couple of mouths, frantically trying to come to grips with a money supply that had started to grow rather faster than the Government's projected ceiling of 13 per cent for the financial year to text spring.

The monetary authorities, faced by the prospect of a self-feeding crisis as waning confidence threatened their solities to sell the government debt necessary to restrain monetary growth, grasped the nettle in late November.

They managed a sharp upward correction in shortupward correction in short-term interest rates on the grounds finat interest rates, driven steeply downwards in the period ahead of the starl-ing float, had faffen to levels that were too low for domestic considerations.

Although the authorities did as the market had hoped and pushed minimum lending rate up from 5 to 7 per cent in one move, there were inevitably, fears that rates might have no rise still further.

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In the event, the Bank was able to quell these fears by a fortheight statement that it believed that no further correction to rates was called for. Ten days ago, on the back of some rather more encouraging banking statistics, it was able to break the gift market impasse and resume gift sales on a significant scale.

With a little luck the temporary crisis of confidence is porary crisis of confidence is now over, although yesterday's statement accompanying the November money supply figures indicates that the money supply

has in fact been growing rather it is still going to be less in the faster than the previously published figures reveal, at an angenerally thought likely a

The mystery public sector deposits that were wrongly classified as inter-bank money and, therefore, wrongly counted out of the statistics, will in fact have liquidated themselves by mid-January and should have no bearing on the full year money supply outcome.

Taking this to be the case,

money supply growth to date is running at about 134 per cent on an annualized basis, still slightly above the projected ceiling. It is still early days but there does now seem to be a reasonable possibility that ser-ling M3 growth for the full 12 months will finish up as close to the 13 per cent ceiling as is likely to worry no one.

Although the public sector borrowing requirement is going to be rather higher in the final months of the present financial year than it has been to date,

nualized rate approaching 15

couple of months ago.
In addition, the sharp rise in bank lending in October now bank lending in October now looks as if it was exceptional—partity reflecting borrowing to purchase government certificates of tax deposit—while the latest trends in industrial production suggest that bank borrowing by industry may now take rather longer to pick up then originally forecast.

In short, things look rather more comfortable for the authorities over the rest of this year.

more comfortable for the authorities over the rest of this year than might have seemed likely only a matter of weeks ago. That said, the authorities still stress that monthly money supply figures could be erratic, while it remains to be seen to what extent the altuation could be complicated by domestic developments on the labour front or by any external developments resulting, for instance, from the latest German moves to deter currency inflows. moves to deter currency inflows. Increasingly, then, attention

is starting to focus on prospects for 1978-79. So far, however, there is a limited amount of information to work on. The second letter of intent to the IMF, published yesterday, adds little in itself and the Govern-

ment, understandably, at this stage, is giving little away on the kind of money supply targets it is expecting to set. What the letter does at least do is soothe the nerves of those who had been fearing that the Covernment wight have been

who had been fearing that the Government might have been after a reflationary package of £3,000m in the spring and, as a result, an upward revision of the previously indicated ceiling for the public sector borrowing requirement of £8,600m.

That said, there is still going to be much debate over the coming months as to whether even £8,600m is not too high. At the moment it looks as if the Government will have room for up to £1,800m of "give aways" next year, but there are those who feel that it should be appreciably more cautious

much closer to the present fore cast of abour £6,800m.

The basis for this caution is quite simply the monetary implications that could follow from it. The fear is that a public sector borrowing requirement of up to £8,600m is too large, given that projected economic growth of 3 per cent or so is likely to increase the private sector contribution to monetary growth quite signifi-

The Bank of England warned against too large an increase in the PSBR in its Quarterly Bulletin published yesterday. It could, the Bank argued, lead either to excessive monetary growth or, if the money supply vas to be controlled, to higher interest rates that would tend to negate the fiscal stimulus that had been applied in the

Therein, of course, lies the dilemma and it is a pity that the Bank, seemingly rather more prepared to speak its mind in public these days, is not yet prepared to spell out in rather more detail what it feels the happy medium to be. What the Bank did say, howwhat the Bank dio say, nowever, was that the mouetary
posture next year should, while
accommodating a moderate rate
of real economic growth, be
such as to take full account of
the need for inflation to be
reduced.

Rolling monetary targets should give the Government greater scope to achieve this sim, but it will need strong political will. Just how far there is still to go might be judged by the new monetary targets set by the West Germans—8 per cent and on a higher pro-

Bringing the fruits of research to light

The real world of engineering and industry sometimes seems light years away from the world of academic research. Industry of academic research. Industry complains that the academic

And yet there is a need for research to be applied in in-dustry; to relate the latest available knowledge to the real needs of engineering. There are many ways of attempting to do this, some of which are very much better then others.

It is unrealistic to take the results of one and wonder why industry does better products.

Even when the problem is narrowed down to what is known in the present fashionable phrase as "technology transfer"— the transfer of existing knowledge obtained in one field to a new use in another field—the choice of options is alarmingly wide.

gineer.
The processes of acquiring it knowledge and of applying it

In trying to match problems with solutions it is in general not a good idea to start with complains that the academic research is irrelevant; university researchers scorn industry (and the National Research Development Corporation) for not immediately applying the new knowledge strength from the PhD thesis.

a solution and then try to find a problem to fit it. But, even when starting in the right direction with a real problem and then try to find a problem to fit it. But, even when starting in the right direction with a real problem and then try to find a problem to fit it. But, even when starting in the right direction with a real problem and then try to find a problem to fit it. But, even when starting in the right direction with a real problem and then try to find a problem to fit it. But, even when starting in the right direction with a real problem and then try to find a problem to fit it. But, even when starting in the right direction with a real problem and then try to find a problem to fit it. But, even when starting in the right direction with a real problem and then seeking solutions, it is a mistake to assume that all will be well if only the one right research project is found. a solution and then try to find

This point was driven home by Mr Nexie with a real-life example. The problem was to produce a design method for a protects a design method for a certain category of journal (shaft) bearings. To gain an understanding of all facets of the technology involved the results of no fewer than 70 separate research projects were needed

These covered such aspects as oil film thickness and temperature, oil flow conditions at the inlet, effects of misslignment and shaft deflection, loadcity, oil film power loss at high speeds and so on. The relevant research had come from university, industry and other laboratory sources. in Britain, the United States, Germany, Japan, Romania, Sweden and the Soviet Union.

This multiplicity is not un-common. Combining parts of the common. Combining parts of the results of 50 or more research projects is quite typical for the solution of most industrial problems, Mr Neale points out. The example quoted was for a fairly simple engineering component—the argument applies with even more force where complete machines and complex plant are involved.

Thus it is completely un-realistic, Mr Neals argues, to take the results of one good research project and wonder why industry does not adopt it to make new and better products. It is essential to start from the practical industrial need and then look widely in the research field to collect the fullest relevant information As for the general process of technology transfer, this can be either "vertical" or "horizontal". Vertical transfer includes the flow of information from universities and research labora-tories to industry; from a tech-nologically advanced sector of industry to a less advanced sector; such dominant to advanced cally advanced country to a de-

cally advanced country in a de-veloping country.

Horizonal transfer, by con-trast, implies a move across at the same level of technological development, such as that between two companies which are already using broadly simi-terials of technology. It lar kinds of technology. It takes place via conventional channels of communication— articles in technical journals, discussions with suppliers and so on—and is a well-estab-

so on—and is a well-estab-lished process.

The vertical routs can pro-vide the greatest benefit, but demands the greatest effort.

The transfer can be made by the movement of individuals, who take the knowledge with them; by a kcence agreement on a particular innovative proon a particular innovative product; or by the publication of knowledge which has been con-densed and prepared into a form suitable for problem-solving.

Individual movement is

There are, few people establishments

are motivated to move out into the more disturbed environ-ment of commercial industry— and who, if they did move out, with the engineers already

The transfer of innovative products or systems, too, is limited. Not many innovative artefacts are available and suitable for direct transfer into

wealth-creating industry.

It is the third transfer technique, that of providing part processed or evaluated data in readily useble form, that Mr Neale sees as having the greatest potential for helping industry and encouraging the procedure later of research practical use of research results. Up to now, he says, this echnique has been underexploited. One successful exploiter of the technique is the Engineer-

ing Sciences Data Unit, Lon-don, an offshoot of the Royal production, an offshoot of the koyal on of Aeronautical Society, which conpublishes a wide range of to a "data items". Full-time professional engineers produce evaluated data based on research is results (and on original work for of their own), which are then available for use by designers. Other examples are the pro-

duction of technical handbooks (on general subjects such as pribology) and the pransfer-aimed work of certain research

associations and consultants.

The resulting output could, for instance, be an analysis of the performance (eg, the wear of the cylinders) of internal combustion engines. Expressed in graphical form this could show the relationship of wear rate to the size and type of engine. Similar analyses could give effective understanding of give effective understanding whole areas of technology across a very wide range.

Mr Neede believes that this concept of part-processed, evaluated data as a midway reference source between

reference source between research and industrial use could be better promoted by the professional engineering institutions and the universities and polytechnics. At present the institutions and to present the institutions tend to concentrate on publishing and discussing research while research PhDs tend to narrow rather than broaden the

Kenneth Owen Technology Correspondent

VAUX BREWERIES

"Beer sales during the summer have been good" reports Paul Nicholson, the Chairman.

In December 1976 the company announced a change of financial year-end from April to September and the extension of the year to the 1st October 1977. These results therefore cover a period of 17 months and for comparison purposes the unaudited figures covering 12 months to 1st October 1977 are also shown below.

comparable figures for the previous period. A final dividend of 11.539p per Ordinary share (the maximum permitted) is proposed for payment on 13th February 1978 to those on the register on 16th January 1978.

Pre-tax profits for 12 months to 1st October 1977 show an increase of 18% over

- Beer sales during the summer showed an increase of some 5% over last year. Sales in Scotland have been better than the general trend and Lorimer's beers are proving increasingly popular. Since the year-end we have launched a new beer in north-east England called Sunderland Draught Bitter, available in cask,
- Swallow Hotels made excellent progress and the policy of limited diversification, started some years ago, is proving itself.
- Our capital expenditure programme, involving some £30 million in the next few years, is on stream. Our new lagering equipment in Sunderland should be ready in time for next summer's trade and we hope to open the new wing at the Royal Scot Hotel in the spring. We have negotiated adequate facilities to meet our requirements and these together with our normal overdraft and borrowing facilities, are adequate unless unforeseen opportunities arise.
- The biggest cloud on the horizon is the danger that, for political reasons, we may not be able to implement necessary price increases. Improved productivity should keep our wage cost per unit within the government's guidelines, but many other costs continue to rise fast.
- We propose to divide our existing £1 Ordinary shares into shares of 25p each which will not only bring us into line with most of our industry, but should also make it easier to market our shares. In addition, plans are in hand for a profitsharing scheme whereby employees can become shareholders in the company.
- . We are the only independent brewery with headquarters and pubs in the northeast of England. We are not too large to lose contact with either our customers or those who work for us. In addition we aim to play a full part in the local communities in which we do our business and on whom we depend for our success. With these policies we believe the outlook is good.

Comparative Figures	Year to 30 Apr 74 (audited) £000	Year to 30 Apr 75 (audited) £000	Year to 30 Apr 76 (audited) £000	17 maths to 1 Oct 77 (audited) £000	Year to 1 Oct 77 (uneudited) £000
Turnover	36,200	44,450	56,550	93,850	67,750
Profit before Tax	3,808	3,893	4,423	8,242	5,738
Available for shareholders	2,054	2,023	2,241	4,137	2,882
Capital employed	32,619	38,540	41,721	46,250	46 250

The Annual General Meeting will be held in Sunderland on 3rd February 1978. Copies of the Report and Accounts are available from the Secretary, Vaux Breweries Limited. The Brewery, Sunderland SR1 3AN

Business Diary: Something to sing about?

published annually in The Times, Christmas 1977 could be

The cost of the true lover's chistmas, supposing he or she actually bought all the gifts enumerated in the song "The Twelve Days of Christmas", has plummeted by 23 per cent, or £1,107.40, since last year. It now stands at £2.802.50 now stands at 13,802.50. The improvement in true love's economic outlook this

year may be partly to do with the fact that the World Wild-life Fund, which usually computes the figures, was too busy this year. Business Diary, obliged to compile the index itself, found cheaper sources of supply in some cases and haggled for money-saving bar-

Our bingest coup was in per-uading Ballet Rambert that 11 ladies dancing would not be required for a whole week, since they appear only on days 11 and 12. The ballet is much in demand at festivals and now accepts short engagements, so its bill for 11 ladies was cut from a proposed 5798 to 5206

at a stroke.

We also saved on the five Sold rings. The World Wild-life Fund bought wedding rings at 19 each, but this year we dis-covered it would be possible to act golden dress rangs at only

15, a total saving of £160 over
the eight days on which they
are included in true love's pre-Cotation pack.

It may because Mrs Sally of pear trees down to £2.50.

Oppenheim, the Conservative MP who is claiming that this doves at £4 each. French hens (red jungle fowl) are up at £12.50, because although we but according to the indicator published annually of a game breeder. doves at £4 each. French hens (red jungle fowl) are up at £12.50. because although we heard of a game breeder allegedly willing to sell them for as little as £6 a pair we never managed to contact him. Colly birds are not so much rare as almost unobtainable. They are blackbirds and have to be aviary bred it they are to be sold without contravening the bird protection laws. This

the bird protection laws. This year they are reckoned at £10 Geese and swans, supplied

under strict conditions by the Wildfowl Trust, are £27 and 532.40 a pair respectively and up in both cases. The milkmaids, at minimum union rates, are £7.80 each for an eight-hour day and it is already known that they will be

dearer from January 20. With the drummers and pipers, though, we save again, because the Musicians' Union now accepts that a private engagement such as ours might qualify for the minimum fourhour engagement ice of £11.55, a concession which realizes a

total saving of £400.30.
With such seasonal goodwill about the true lover might be prepared to allow that on the last two days the lords a leaping (given the maximum expenses allowance they could claim as London residents for attending the House of Lords, unchanged at £13.50) and the ladies dancing constitute a cabaret, upping the musicians' pay by £2.31 a

Surridges are up at 55 cach, The top brass at Williams of the advent of cash-and-carry & Glyn's continue to vote with sarden centres brings the price their feet. After rather too



Williams and Glyn's Dick Lloyd; one into three wouldn't

many property losses during the secondary banking crisis for the liking of the careful Scots, the parent National and Commercial Banking group has effectively allowed its other half, the Royal Bank of Scotland, the whip hand in running W & G's southern end of the banking group. The first wind of these

changes came when NatCom chairman Sir James Blair-Cunynghame moved into the driving seat at Williams & Glyn's and established a Royal Bank management team which left the Williams & Glyn's people out in the cold. Soon after, Alex Ritchie and John Morgan, second and third in the command chein, slipped away. They were followed by Ian

They were followed by Ian Logie, who looked after international banking.

The latest departure is that of Dick Lloyd, the chief executive, whose appointment to Hill Samuel as a deputy chairman, as part of its restructuring to face the new challenges in the example, a second of the complete that the merchant banking world, was increase in the price of alcohol

announced yesterday. For Lloyd, a 49-year-old career benker, the Hill Samuel opportunity came at a time when he was considering what so do now that the top job in Williams & Glyn's would not be vacant for come years. for some years.

Having joined the old Glyp,
Mills bank—a celebrated training ground for bankers—a

ouarter of a century ago after Oxford and the Army, Lloyd moved up swiftly and oversaw the tripartite merger in 1968-69 which spawned the NatCom

A less than festive time for Teddy Thompson, who this week takes over from Robert McNeile as chairman of The Brewers' Society.

Thompson, the chairman and managing director of Wolver-hampton Breweries (McNeile is with Guinness), comes in as the brewing industry is once again under the legislative searchlight: the question is, can be make a break with past form, whereby the society is more social than anything else? Two things happen today. Thompson will lead a delegation who have been summoned by Roy Hattersley, the Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection

Protection. Secondly, four other Government departments—Health and Social Security, Education and Science and the Scottish and

Welsh Offices weigh in with a White Paper on Editation and Health. More inquiries are

and his ciner spokesman, the deputy chairman of Allied Breweries, Derek Holden-Brown, will be attacking the report's scope and conclusions, but late in the day and with little history of influencing legislation anywhere near as effectively as the numerically

This document could be taken The chief sanitation officer for the City of San Francisco is a by a minister, Hattersley, for example, as recommending an Mr Grotte

as "Alcoholism and the abuse of alcohol generally are a cause

Between 1970 and last year, however, the White Paper points out, the price of beer as well as of wines and spirits—all of which brewers purvey—fell, compared with advances in real per cavity income. real per capita income. Hattersley wants to see the brewers not about the White Paper but about another docu-

decade, a Price Commission report that appeared in July. This, if anything, supported the brewers' case for a penny year, although the trade would be aghast at any artificially high increase for social reasons, particularly if all the money were attributable to duty in-

ment, the umpteenth in the last

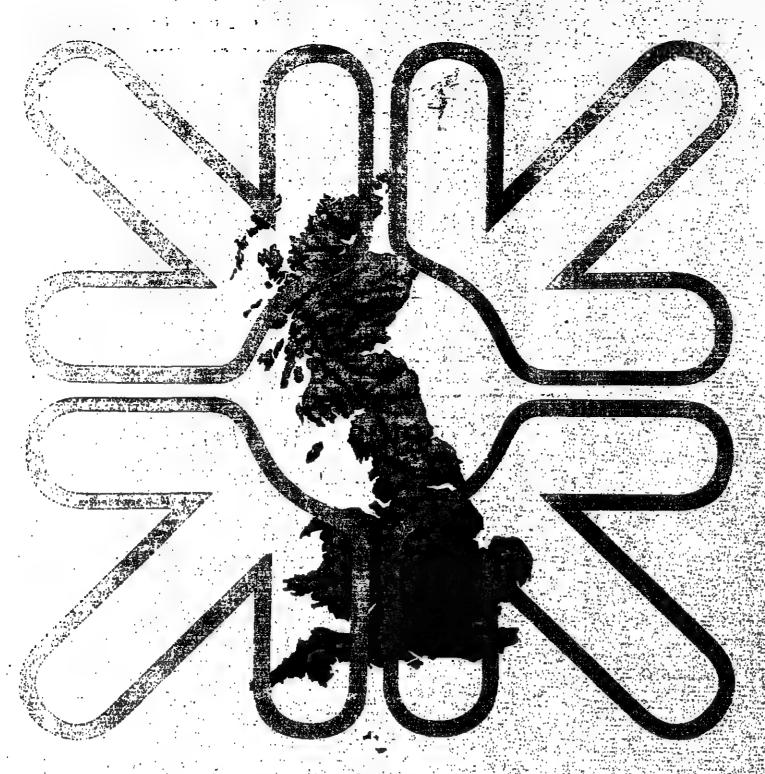
Bur the commission's repor unexpectedly reopened the old controversy about the tied house system, amply covered by the Monopolies Commission in The point is, however, that

the Brewers Society had no idea that the commission was going to reopen this issue. Thompson and his chief spokesman, the effectively as the numerically and financially slighter temper-

National and Commercial Banking Group



The Royal Bank of WILLIAMS & GLYN'S Scotland Limited BANK LIMITED



of our Strength

The Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of National and Commercial Banking Group Limited will be held in the North British Hotel, Edinburgh, on Thursday, 12th January 1978, at 12 noon. The following is from the Statement by Sir James Blair-Conynghame, OBE, LLD, DSc, Chairman of

THE YEAR'S OPERATIONS

The relatively modest increase in profits for the twelve months has been achieved against a background of depressingly stagnant demand for bank credit and a lower average base rate for the year of 10.71 per cent, which masks dramatic movements in the actual base rate during the year. The average margin between base rate and retail deposit rate was slightly narrower for the year, but was considerably wider in the last six months. Against this background of sharp changes in interest rates the underlying sluggishness in the economy was reflected for the Group in a growth of average sterling deposits by 9 per cent, and of average sterling advances by only 6 per cent. over the year.

Total costs rose by about 12 per cent, compared with 17 per cent, in the previous year, reflecting not only the lower inflation rate but also the determined efforts by the Group's two member banks to contain costs in every way and their adherence to the policy of income restraint.

Royal Bank of Scotland Group: The operating profit, excluding the share of associated companies, was £34,050,000 or 8 per cent. higher than the previous year. The economic recession, which was slower to affect Scotland than other parts of the United Kingdom, has had a more marked impact during the past year and bank lending has thus been somewhat depressed. No material improvement is anticipated for the immediate future. Competition for the provision of financial services in Scotland has continued to intensity.

Williams & Glyn's Bank Group: The operating profit, at £21,898,000 excluding the share of associated companies, shows an merease of 8 per cent. on the previous twelve months. The process of improving the branch network to meet customers' needs has been

There has been a remarkable change in the economic scene since this time last year as evidenced by a strong recovery in sterling, a balance of payments that has moved into surplus, interest rates dramatically reduced and the forecast inflation rate pointing steeply down towards single figures on an annual basis. Most of these trends have shown a marked and almost embarrassing acceleration since the end of July when sterling was allowed to move away from the dollar.

This striking turnsround is principally due to important changes of opinion in two areas. First, the overseas view of the United Kingdom economy started to change following the Government's undertakings to the IMF, from the obvious determination of the trade unions and employers to restrain incomes and finally from the growing evidence that the benefits to our economy from North Sea oil were starting to materialise and on a larger scale than many had anticipated.

Salient Figures						
	1977	1976				
Group profit before taxation and extraordinary items	£64,095,000	£57,720,000				
Profit after taxation but before extraordinary items	£30,162,000	£27,884,000				
Earnings per 25p ordinary shar	re 13.4p	12.4p				
Dividend per 25p ordinary share	2.6329p	2.3573p				
Deposits and customers' current accounts (including notes in circulation)	£3,455,933,000	£3,306,633,000				
Total assets	£3,882,571,000	£3,677,529,000				

Secondly, and associated with this greatly improved international rating, we have begun to revise our own opinion of ourselves and of our future. This is hard to measure but it is critically important nevertheless. The best evidence of this is the broad recognition by almost every household not only that continuing inflation at the rates we have experienced in the past few years is potentially erosive of all the standards upon which our lives have traditionally been based but also that it could ultimately lead only to destruction. Nevertheless, despite these most significant changes in what others think of us and what we think of ourselves, it is of the highest possible importance to understand that there are but few real signs yet of improvement in the key areas of our economy...

THE SCOTTISH ECONOMY

After a period in which the relative performance of the Scottish economy continued to benefit from oil activity the current position and the outlook are now again dominated by features common to the whole of the United Kingdom. Indeed there are now signs in Scotland that the market both for manufacturing industry and for the important construction sector is, if anything, weaker than for the United Kingdom in general and unemployment has continued to rise faster than the national average.

THE FUTURE

Thus although it is possible that some measure of success is within sight, to achieve it will mean much hard work and even then we shall only be on the early stages of the road to recovery. But even an orderly return to free collective bargaining and adherence thereby to the policy of voluntary restraint would not of itself bring about the improvements in productivity per head and in industrial production which are so critical to our future prosperity. The outcome will not emerge quickly nor can it be forecast easily over the short term. It is essential to continue the process of informing and educating people about the changing society and world in which we live, but apparently simple solutions to our problems or generalisations regarding our situation are mostly superficial and often misleading.

15th November 1977.

Copies of the Directors' Report and Accounts containing the Chairman's full Statement may be obtained from The Secretary, National and Commercial Banking Group Limited, 36 St. Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 2YB. FININCIAL N

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FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Stock markets

Gilts dominate with early gains

was not sustained and even money supply figures indicating a slowing down of growth made little impact and been pared to three-eighths. Short dates were unchanged to one-eighth better.

Though a little above the worst by the close equities were whist by the close admittes were still a little under their overnight levels with the FT Index just 1.9 off at 472.1 after touching a low of 469.7.

Dealers said the background economic news, though helping to sustain the tone, made little positive impact on a market becoming more and more influenced by festive activities.

Shipping shares in general and P & O in particular took a knock after Lord Inchcape's gloomy remarks on trade in the group's own newsletter. The key group's own newsletter. The key question now is the extent to which the market's profits forecast of £40m, against £44m, should be downgraded. Some were talking yesterday of £35m, or less, and the shares were marked down 4p to 110p.

In spite of the general lethargy many of the leading industrials managed gains of a few pence. Typical were Reecham Sp to 672p, Unilever 4p to 550p, Fisons 3p to 373p and ICI 2p to 357p after an early fall. Once again results brought some activity to the drinks sector where figures a little below expectations little below expectations little below expectations lowered Distillers 30 to 170p bit Vaux jumped 12p to 365p on profits and a share split. Another pleasing with a statement was Greenall Whitley, up to 97p while renewed culative interest in Macallen

With equity bargains marked at their lowest level of the year — just 3,572—the day belonged to gilts.

Continued embusiasm over the November trade figures and an encouraging Bank of England bulletin sparked some early demand at the long-end where most stocks quickly went half a point better. But the innerest was not sustained and even the logical point sustained and even the logical point sustained and even the logical point left to the innerest was not sustained and even the logical point left to the innerest was not sustained and even the logical point left to the innerest was not sustained and even the logical point left to the innerest was not sustained and even the logical point left to the innerest was not sustained and even the logical point left to the innerest was not sustained and even the logical point left to the innerest was not sustained and even the logical point left the logical point left to the lo

In foods uninspiring figures from Unigate left the chares unmoved at 50 p and Tate & Lyle encountered light selling after the banning of Wednesday night's television programme. But I was 20 to 10 per 10 pe gramme. Both Lucas 2p to 262p and Smiths Industries 2p to 154p recouped some of their recent losses in the motor

The gloom from P & O affected other major shipping groups, notably Ocean, which

sponded to a profits statement with a rise of just a penny to

With Christmas shopping with Christmas shopping now in full swing stores made a half-hearted estempt to gain ground with Marks & Spencer 2p better at 155p and British Home Stores a point to the good at 215p. Comment helped Debenhams to rise a penny to 95p.

punied by the hope that the next set of full-year figures will confirm the group's recovery.
It is thought any approach would be stoutly resisted.

BAT Dfd, GEC, Beecham Marks & Spencer, P & O, EMI, Grand Metropolitan, Gus "A", Renk, Commercial Union, Royco, Wilkiuson Match, G. Dew, Tube Investments and Vaux.

Latest	results

Equity turnover on December

Company	Şalus -	Profits	Garnings	Div	Pay '	Year's
lot or Fin	£m	Sm.	per share	pence	date	total
Aero & Gen (I)	1.1(1.5)	0.14(0.13)	 ()	·-(-)	-	-(2.2)
Ass Engineer (F)	286.5(252,3)	32.4(20.9)	19.4(13.0)	3.42(2.92)	13/2	4.69(4.0)
Beechwd Cons (I)	3.6(3.7)	0.13(0.19)	-(-)	0.5(0.5)	.7/2	-(1.8)
John Booth (I)	2.9(2.6)	0.05(0.13)	-(-)	-(1.7)	<u> </u>	-(1.7)
Bridgewater (P)	-(-)	0.004(0.02)	0.04(0.39)	Nil(0.31)	_	NII(0.31)
N. Brown (I)	7.7(7.1)	0.31(0.34)	-()	0.82(0.82)	16/2	-(2.5)
Burco Dean (F)	24.3(17.8)	1.1(0.52)	10.26(9.21)	2.2(1.99)	21/2	3.7(3.3)
Chartriese Grp (F)	—(—)	8.5(7.4)	5.73(4.61)	2.17(2.17)	24/2	3.35(3.3)
	-(-) · ·	-(-)	—(—) .	2.25(2.0)	7/2	-(5.7)
Distillers (I)	400.8(376.1)	74.3(53.2)	-(-)	2.69(2.0)	24/2	-(6.5)
Dobson Park (F)		11.1(9.0)	13,1(8,3)	1.29(1.18)	28/2	2.1(1.9)
Edin & Gen In (1)		0.02(0.08)	-()	-(-)	,_	
George Ewer (I)		0.42(0.29)	i5	-(-)	-	(1.19)
Goldrei F'chrd (I)		0.19(0.16)	—(-)	0.89(0.50)	4/2	-(-1
Luis Gordon (I)	2.2(3.3)	0.16(0.13)	—i →i	-(-)		-(NII)
Greenall, Whit (F)		10.1(8.6)	9.95(8,30)	1.2(1.06)	17/2	2.6(2.3)
Hawkins & T (F)	17.6(13.4)		15.74(10.47)	2.9(2.8)	-	3.9 (3.5)
Heywood Wms (I)	8.6(7.2)	0.18(0.009)	-(-)	'-()	_	(Nil)
Inch Kenneth (1)	-(-)	→()	· _{-i	0.66(0.65)	30/1	-(2,2)
	-(-)	0.08(0.0001)	14.49(0.01)	NII		4
Lep Group (I)	26.1(20.8)	2.5(1.5)	-(-)	0.97(0.65)	_	—(3.0)
	218.6(202.9)	15.3(17.6)	12.0(11.8)	1.49(1.2)	9:3	2.4(2.2)
Moorgate M (I)	1.7(4.96)	0.10(0.12)	0.67(0.85)	-(-)	_	-(NII)
Morgan Gramp (I)	14.4(11.7)	1.6(0.93)	-(-)	-l-i .	_	-(2.5)
Pleasurama (F)	7.0(5.8)	1.5(0.96)	10.3(6.6)	1.2(1.14).	_	2.0(1.8)
Ports & Sund (1)		—().	-(-)	0.68(0.67)	28/2	—(3.8)
Prince of W (I)		0.04(0.01)	·-ii	Nil(NII)		-(-1
Redman Heen (F)		2,5(2.0)	16.1(12.7)	1.0()	_	-i-i
	2.4(2.0)		(-)	0.75(0.65)	7/2	(2,7)
Trustees Corp (I)		1,23(0.97)	-(-)·	1.5(1.3)	7/2	-(3.4)
Unigate (1)	435.0(385.0)	10.1(9.4)	2.97(2.46)	1.33(1.21) .	3/4	(3.07)
Utd Securities (F)		2.7(1.8)	27.07(12.19)	1.3(1.24)	_	2.1(1.9)
	93.8a(56.5)	8.2(4.4)	55.3(30.2)	11.5(10.12)	13/2	22.7(14.0)
Witkinso Mtch (I)		7.2(6.0)	10.78(9.14)	3.7(3.3)	1/4	—(8.2)
Weston-Evns (I)	5.0(5.3)	0.66(0.38)	5.9(5.19)	0.91(0.82)	13/2	-(2.7)
Young, Austen (I)		0.25(0.122)	—(—)	—(—)		(4.1)
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Problems of Unigate and EEC doctrine

By Our Financial Staff Ar 504p, shares in Unigate were left alone by jobbers yesterday, although it is very difficult to say whether such indifferent is a function of accurate forecasting or an acknowledgement of the complexities of marrying a leading United Kingdom food manufacturer to the strictures of the Common Market doctrine.

All that one can say so far is that Unigate's profits in the 24 weeks to September 10 last are up from £9.4m to £10.1m. As Britain's biggest milk distribu-tor—taking in Cow & Gate, St Ivel and United Dairies— Unigate is naturally vitally affected by the new Common Market agreements which begin in the New Year and must therefore run the risk of building up connumer resistance.

Sir James Barker handed over the chair to Mr John Clement last September. But, before he left the post, Sir James pre-ikted that the method of fix. ing the price for buying milk might change. He said then that the dairy industry was spending a good deal of money on adver-tising and market development which Unigste's directors expected would lead to a growing marker share in the home market for United Kingdomproduced dairy products of which the group boped to take full advantage.

In the meantime, the directors of Unigate hoist the interim dividend from 1.21p to 1.33p per share.

Stated earnings at the half-way stage were lifted from 2.46p to 2.97p per share. This suggests that the prospective p/e will be about 8.2. It is hard to quibble at this level but the problems involved with integrating CAP with a fair deal for British farmers and shareholders is probably a drawback until the new Common Market agreements represent a well-oiled machine rather than a glimpse into the virtual unknown.

Improved margins help Wilkinson Match to healthy £7.2m

By Ray Maughan

An increase in margins has provided Wilkinson Match headed by Mr Denys Randolph with the bulk of its growth in the six months to end-September last. While the group-taking in

Swan Vestas matches and Wilk-inson razor blades—has main-nained what it describes as "steady turnover growth" with sales improving by a mere 6 per cent to E93.67m, pre-tax profits expanded by almost a fifth to

After the merger of what might, on first inspection, be two entirely different consumer products, Wilkinson looks to be on an unsbakable growth path. But, with a 5p fall to 189p, the market is still expressing doubts.

Consumer products as a whole, the Wilkinson match board reports, showed an inproved performance especially in the United Kingdom and Western Hemisphere, but pro-fits overall were affected by seriously adverse trading con-ditions in Italy.

Writing instruments traded profitably in the important American market but the domes-American marker out the comes-tic scene encountered ongoing difficulties. The current year thus stands to enjoy a satisfac-tory upturn if these problems can be ironed out in good time. One of Wilkinson's major



Mr Denys Randolph, chairman of Wilkinson Match

also turned in an improved profit contribution. Elsewhere in the group, con-sumer products made 16.05m against £5.88m while on the safety and protection side the divisiou contributed almost doubled profits to some £2.02m.

Fully diluted earnings are stated at 10.78p per share which, if Wilkinson Match can One of Wilkinson's major which, it Wilkinson Match can profits courributors was the safety and protection division. This sector doubled its operating profit with a substantially improved performance in the United Kingdom home and arror markets and also in Australia. The packaging companies

Marley hit by strength of sterling

months.

waterlogged. And a first-half profits dip of 5 per cent grew to 12 per cent over the 12

In the accounting period to October 31, the group turned in a pre-tax profit of £15.4m, against a previous £17.6m on

turnover up from £203m to £219m.

Morgan -Grampian on course for £3.7m

By Our Financial Staff Magazine publisher Morgan-Grampian is likely to make a pre-tax profit of around £3.75m for the current year to March

chairman Mr Graham Sherren in the formal offer document being sent to shareholders on behalf of Trafalgar House.

The agreed £20.5m takeover oid from Trafalgar last month was dependent on Morgan making a pre-tax profit of not less than £3.5m for the current period compared with £2.73m last time.

In the first six months the magazine group hoisted profits from £931,000 to £1.6m pre-tax on sales up from £11.7m to £14.4m Most of the upturn came in the United Kingdom where profits more than doubled from a previous 5589,000 to £1.2m. In the United States both sales and profits dipped in the period.

New magazine development costs were also stepped unform a previous £286,000 to £420,000. This is likely to be boosted further if Trafalgar gains control, as Mr Sherren has reported

If the Trafalgar offer becomes unconditional five of the Mor-gan non-executive directors will gan non-executive directors will resign without any compensation payment. They are Mr
D. A. Abramson, Mr C. A. Chadwyck-Healey. Mr M. M. Geffen,
Mr M. E. A. Keeling and Mr
S. P. M. Pegg. The chaliman
and remaining directors will
remain as full-time executives. The terms of the offer are 200p cash for ordinary shares and 70p cash for preference.

Gordon suffers from early stockpiling

In following its usual pattern of business at this time of year or obsiness at this time of year Luis-Gordon, the Domecq sherry group, made a trading loss of £169,000 for the half to June 30 compared with one of £133,000 for the same period last year. Turnover also fell from £3.3m to £2.2m.

The first six months of the one-third of the group's business and consequently there is always a substantial loss in the first half of the year. The situa-tion this year however has been made worse by the Chancellor's decision to increase the duties on wines and spirits from January 1, 1977, instead of waiting until the usual date sometime in the spring. As a result of the early warning on the increase, which was given to the trade. all the group's customers wasted no time in rebuilding their stocks at the end of last year. This, coupled with the absence of any stimulus to sales from the spring Budget and the remained downturn in the retailing busing at 21p.

ness throughout the United Kingdom, led to a reduction in

sales.

To add to the gloom, the high interest rates of last year did not come down quickly enough to prevent an increase in interest charges for the first six months of this year.
On the brighter side, sales

have now improved and al-though the board feels it would eventual outcome for the full year, the group will also benefit from the measures that beve been made to reduce fixed costs as well as from the significantly lower rates of interest which have prevailed in the second half. The directors are therefore hopeful that it will be possible to report a more favourable picture when the results for the full year are to hand. Last year the group turned in a pre-tax loss of £410,000 on turnover up by £2.15m to £15.69m.

In line with the rest of the market the group's shares remained unchanged yesterday

Warning on economy from bank chief

A warning that unemploy-ment is going to get worse before it gets better comes from report that measures requiring Sir James Blair-Cunynghame, chairman of the National and Commercial Banking Group.

Although recognition is growing that profitability is the only sure way of creating wealth and thus ultimately of raising real living standards in the shorter term, this will be tempered by growing numbers out of work-Government measures to recover sterling being used to finance trade between third countries may have been justi- respectively

maker A. Arenson for the first four mouths of the current year

are in line with expectations,

chairman Mr Archy Arenson told shareholders at the annual

A previous policy of capital

spending against the general industrial trend is beginning to

pay off and the group now has the production capacity avail-

able to take immediate advant-

meeting.

report that measures requiring these transactions to be financed in foreign currency have lost British traders and banks their long-standing com-

peritive advantages.
National and Commercial
takes in Williams & Glyn's
Bank and the Royal Bank of Scotland. Last year the sterling values of average foreign currency deposits and advances at Williams & Glyn's fell by about 15 per cent and 9 per cent

Arenson is 'in line' with budgets

Cheer from both Vaux and Greenall

By Ashley Druker By Ashley Druker
A drop of seasonal cheer
comes from two independent
brewery companies, Greenall
Whitley, operating chiefly in
the North-West and North
Wales, and Vaux Brewerles, in
the North-East and Scotland,
with broadly similar annual
profit growth of 17½ and 18 per
cent respectively.

Greenall, on turnover up from £85.2m for 52 weeks to £107m for 53 weeks to end-September. turns in pre-tax profit up from £4.64m to £5.36m. Barnings a share on the 25p ordinary rose from 8.3p to 9.95p and on the "A" from 1.66p to 1.99p. The dividend for the year is lifted from 3.58p gross to 3.96p and on the "A" from 0.72p to

Among factors affecting the second half, a beer increase was delayed from April to July to allow customers the benefit of lower prices. Expenditure on property repairs increased nearly 50 per cent to £3.29m, much of it an investment for future growth. Meanwhile current trade remains "encourag

Vaux stepped-up its pre-tax profits from £4.42m for the 12 months to end-April, 1976, to £8.24m for the 17 months to profit increase of some 18 per cent. It also announces a shares split to divide the existing £1 shares in shares of 25p each. News of the shares split, which will make the Vaux shares more marketable, lifted the existing ones some 9p to 361p. Turnover for the longer

period was £93.8m against E56.5m. Earnings a share were raised from 30.2p to 55.3p, while the total payout is lifted from 23.6p gross to 34.4p. Generally, beer sales in the summer increased some 5 per cent over the same period, with sales in Scotland better

Pit props to China a fillip to Dobson Park

pitprop in conjunction with the South African Chamber of Mines.

power tools such as electric hammers, raised its profits by 25 per cent to £6.9m. But greater competition in this sector means that next year reduced margins will have to be offset by higher volume. The figures exclude deferred

Meantime, the company expects that its borrowines next year will run un a modest overdraft. The weak link appears to be Treat Concrete, a part of the Industrial products division, which has been hard bit by the general decline in construction Rur at the other end of the division's spectrum are toy type-writers on which the company earns its higgest margins. The bulk of the sales are to the

is to ask for a requotation By Our Financial Staff

ing and property group whose debts forced the directors to request a share suspension last month, is to apply for a requetation. The company reached agreement with nain creditor, Bankers Trust International, on a restructuring of its debts which will allow its subsidiaries to trade profitably. The agreement is subject to approval by the main board.

Guarantees in favour of the American bank to which the trading subsidiaries were liable have been paid in full. The liabilities of British Anzani to Bankers Trust have been reduced to £2m.

The third part of the arrangement is that Bankers Trust will be able to deal directly with properties belonging to the com-pany over which the bank has first charge. These properties include the Felixstown estate, and four freehold properties in London, Hampshire and Northampton.

The group is currently spending heavily in anticipation of the forecast upturn. In the past 12 months around £15m went on fixed assets—some £4m abroad and the balance in the United Kingdom—and a similar amount is scheduled for the current period. current period. Pert of the cash has gone into

By Alison Mitchell

Stepped-up borrowings and exchange losses have bitten into the profits of building materials concern Marley.

The group converts the profits of overseas interests into sterling at the end of its accounting year and Mr John Pollard, finance director, points out that the pound was at one of its year's high points on that date. As such Marley has suffered from an exchange loss of £700,000 against a profit of £400,000 the previous year.

The deficit on converting the overseas assets and Habilities into sterling amounted to £3.1m, compared with a surplus of £4.1m, and this has been charged to reserves. Marley Transport, a subsidiary started up two years ago. Since then the group has built up a fleet of 400 vehicles to add to its existing internal stock of around 2,000.

Marley Homecare has also been expanded. In the past year some 22 small and less profit-able units have been closed and eight larger outlets opened. Although this has increased selling space by about 65 per cent the initial set-up costs have been considerable, Mr Pollard The group now has medium-

The group is currently spend-The group now has medium-term borrowings totalling some f8m and a facility for a further f12m. This is reflected in in-terest charges of f3m in the past year, against £2.4m.

But the future looks brighter for the group. The French in-terests are beginning to come right and signs of an upturn in Canada should see the group shead of last year's £7m at the interim stage, Mr Pollard fore-casts.

The shares firmed ip to 77p

charged to reserves. Marley has also been affected by the building industry recession and the wet weather of the spring which left many sites British Anzani

British Anzani, the engineer-

offer.

basis—Ladbrokes say.

The current market price of
59p a share is below the offer
price, and Ladbroke says that
his offer is almost 14 times
bistoric earnings and fully
values the company.

The Lieuws hard has almost The Leisure board has aiready stated that the board and other shareholders controlling about 54 per cent of the equity do not intend to accept the

SPINE & SON Board has asked for its share quotation to be suspended and a further amouncement will follow sood. It recently said that talks

with interested parties were on. Stanley Gibbons has denied that it has had, or plans any talks. SCOTTISE INV TRUST

ENDEAVOUR SALE ENDEAVOUR SALE
Endeavour Resources has sold
its wholly-owned subsidiary Australian-Thai Tin to NL Industries
of New York for \$1.1m. The
company operates barytes mines
in Thailand and has continually
made loss. Endeavour will con-

REED-ROWATER

Reed has sold its 50 per cent
shareholding in the jointly-owned
Donside Paper Co of Aberdeen to
Bowater for \$1.10m, in cash.

Business appointments

Major reshuffle at Hill Samuel

The following changes have been made by the Hill Samuel Group: Sir Robert Clark, group chief executive, intends to concentrate on the affairs of the group as a whole. Mr John Elton will succeed him as chief executive of the merchant bank, Hill Samuel & Co, of which Sir Robert remains chairman.

will be an executive deputy chairman of Hill Samuel & Co from February 1. Mr Lloyd will give up his post as chief executive of Williams & Glyn's Bank but will remain a non-executive director. Mr John Marshall, managing director of Hill Samuel Investment Management, joins the board of Hill Samuel Group. Mr David Clarke and Mr Mark Johnson (at present joint managing directors of Hill Samuel Australia) have joined the board of Hill Samuel & Co. Mr C. N. A. Castleman becomes managing director of Hill Samuel Group (SA).

In further changes, Mr Kenneth

tor of corporate planning, giving up the post of financial director of fill Samuel Group. Mr Dolf Mootham will become chief financial officer and treasurer of the merchant bank.

The merchant bank will be re-organized into four principal operating divisions. Mr Lloyd will become head of the United King-dom division; Mr Mark Johnson, joint managing director of Hill Samuel Australia, will move to London to be head of the inter-national division; Mr T. P. Thornton will lead the financial Thornton will lead the financial and advisory services division. Mr Elton, Mr Lloyd and Mr Thornton will be made deputy chairmen of Hill Samuel & Co, Mr Warren White remains head of the project finance division.

Mr Kevin Ney has been made

deputy chairman of Britannia Arrow Holdings. Mr Brian Bauks becomes chairman of the Britannia becomes chairman of the Britannia group of investment companies, which include Britannia Financial Services, Britannia Trust Management and Britannia Fund Managers. Mr David White is now secretary of these companies and Mr E. J. Farrell, deputy managing director of Britannia Financial Services and Britannia Trust Management has become managing ent, has become managing

Mr P. V. Clarke is made a joint mr F. V. Clarke is made a joint managing director of Ault and Wiborg Group with Mr C. F. Strang, who was formerly deputy managing director. Mr J. McLaren, chairman, has given up his post as managing director. Mr G. S. Gutterman has resigned from the board. from the board.

Professor R. J. Ball will join the board of Legal and General Assurance on January 1. Mr T. Lloyd Robinson becomes vice-chairman.

Turner & Newall and chief executive of its construction materials division, is to succeed Mr F. E. Mills as chief executive of TBA Industrial Products and Bridsh Industrial Plastics, from January 1. Mr Mills will remain an executive director. Mr Hills is succeeded as chief executive of the T & N construction materials division and as chairman of TAC construction materials and Newalls Insulation, by Mr R. D. N. Somerwille from April 1. ville from April 1.

Mr R. E. England and Dr J.
Rorke have been made joint
managing directors of Vickers Offshore Engineering Group. Sir
Leonard Redshaw will give up his
post as non-executive chairman on
December 31. December 31 Mr Joseph Wilson has become

financial director of Saleway Food Stores. He was previously timan-cial director of Ryman.

Mr Gerald Langton, technical director of Angio-American Cor-poration, is the new managing director and chief executive of the gold and uranium division from January. He is succeeded as tech-nical director of the corporation by Mr J. A. Holmes. Mr Neil Ashley will take over from Mr W. A. Tokley as man-aging director of Amey Roadstone Construction on January 1. Mr

Tokley will continue as chairman and chief executive. Mr M. L. Kitchenham becomes technical director for United Kingdom operations.

Mr D, J. P. Wesseling and Mr R. G. Boxall are to join the board of Ibstock Johnsen. Mr W. H. G. Johnsen, chairman of Johnsen Jorgensen & Wettre, is retiring from the board of Ibstock Johnsen at the end of this month to the represend by Mr. Richard to be replaced by Mr Richard

. Mr Leslic Wharton has joined the main board of Prestcold Hold-Mr A. J. S. Duckworth and Mr David Walters have been made directors of Eroadstone Investment

Mr C. S. Shaw has joined the board of Taylor Woodrow Con-struction (Northern) from January Mr Joseph Schuldenfrel Is now on the board of Alliance Property Holdings.

Mr N. H. Keegan has become general manager of The National Farmers' Union Muthal Insurance Society and Mr C. A. Thomas, general manager of Avon Insurance, from January 1, Mr R. A. Nixon, at present general manager of the Society and Avon, will con-tinue as thief executive and will

occome chief general manager

age of any upturn in demand. Top priority this year will be given to improving profit margins and the chairman would like to see these back at the previous 13 per cent mark. Last year they tightened, at the pre-tax level, to just under 4 per

Despite the fierce competition in the domestic and office furni-ture markets he is confident that there will be some improve-

pre-tax profit of £470,000 in the year to July 31 last against a previous loss of £485,000. Turnover rose from £7.6m to £11.9m.

a full recovery Mr Douglas Oliphant, chairman of Heywood Williams Group, predicts a profit of not less than 5500,000 for the current year, against only 159,000 last year, in his interim statement. Profits for the half

dend list when the full year's result are available. The balance sheet for the half year shows loans and overdrafts

reduced by a further £524,000 to under £2.4m. This follows a £1.1m reduction last year. Pleasurama finishes

55 pc up on year

Pleasurama, the entertain-ment and amusement group, reports a leap in pre-tax profits from £966,000 to £1.5m for the year to September 30. The group's 25 per cent interest in Mayfair Casinos, the owner of the Casanova Club, Grosvenor Street, continues to be treated as a trade investment and its profit has therefore not been consolidated. The only change in the situation regarding the successful legal action started by Pleasurama against the majority shareholders in Mayfair Casinos is that the defendants have lodged a notice of

Heywood Williams sees Tri-ang receiver to decide by Jan 6

The receiver for Tri-ang Pedigree has been named. He is Mr R. P. V. Rees, a partner in the Cardiff office of Deloitte, and met officials and shop stewards of the unions concerned at the factory yesterday to discuss the situation.

tinue to Jan 6, by which rime the receiver hopes to have Sales and profits at furniture intention to return to the diviassessed whether or not the business can continue at an appropriate level. He was given a firm assurance from the unions on full cooperation.

Redman Heenan still ploughing ahead

In spite of generally slack trading conditions in the mechanical and electrical industries, Redman Heenan International, the specialized engineering group, has continued to plough ahead with pre-tax profits for the year to September 30 increased from £2.0m to E2.5m. Turnover has expanded from from £28m to £30.1m and earnings a share are 16.1p compared with 12.7p for the corresponding period. The total dividend is 2.7p gross as against 2.5p last year. The board views the future with confidence.

Ransome Hoffman ready for upturn

Ransome Hoffman Pollard has based its plans for the future on the basis that there will be little improvement in market conditions. Sir William Barlow handed over the chair to Mr John Eccles this year, and both are agreed that indicating the group's prospects for this year

year to Octoer 30 have jumped from 69,000 to £181,000, and Mr Olipham reitorates the board's possible production would con-

By Michael Prest

By Michael Prast
Dobson Park Industries, the
Nottingham-based engineering
group, has raised its pre tax
profits by 23 per cent to
£11.1m; a result which Mr C. F.
Ward, chairman, said, exceeded
forecasts. Particularly good
progress was made in exports
and sales of overseas subsidiaries, which together accounted for about 25 per cent of
the £48.1m sales. Net investment was £3.25m, and is likely
to be £5m pext year.
Mining machinery, which at

Mining machinery, which at E48.im contributed nearly half of all sales and more than a third of profits, remain the backbone of the company's business. Dobson expects important growth in this area through increased sales of pirprops to China. It is also developing a new kind of adjustable

Engineering grew strongly, with about 80 per cent of alternator sales going directly or indirectly for export. The Kango division, which makes

taxation for stock and the tax charge is therefore 20 per cent down at £3.34m. A stock in-crease of £5m was financed through retained carnings.

bulk of the sales are to the Urived States.
Earnings ner 10n share are up in 13.1n from 8.3p. Retained profits at £6.41m represent about 64.5n a share, much in line with the market price. The full dividend for the year is 2.13p against 1.91p last year.

VW looks to 10 pc sales rise and dividend boost

Germany says that sales this year would total DM24,000m (about £5,850m), up more than 10 per cent from DM21,400m in

Volkswagenwerk AG of West

The company said that earnings also would be higher even though net profix would be lower than the DM1,000m reported last year because the 1976 net benefited from tax breaks on a carried-forward loss. The unnouncement repeated earlier company state peated earper company statements that the cash divideud for 1977 would be boosted from last year's DM5, but did not say by how much.

World deliveries were up by 8 per cent to 2.28 million passesses are deverse unit sales.

senger cars, domestic unit sales rose by 18 per cent to 833,000 mits—a record. The domestic market share rose to 30 per cent from 28 per cent. The company said that conditions for car demand in Ger-many are not expected to get worse next year, but this year's record 2.5 million new car registrations is not likely to be repeated. VW said a drop-off

Italsider faces loss

The board of directors of Italsider, the Italian state-con-trolled ironwork group, says that the company will show a heavy loss this year. The amount was not disclosed. The board said the loss would be covered through funds drawn from reserves. A devaluation of the registered capital would not be required. Reliable sources estimated the loss would be about 400,000m lire (about 5242.4m), almost double the registered capital.

Dunlop (Aust) refund

Dunlop Australia proposes, subject to approval by share-holders and the Supreme Court (Europe).

of Victoria, to return capital of 25 cents a share to holders of its 86.85m AS1 par ordinary shares and in full to holders of its 1.85 million AS1 par prefer-

International

An interim dividend of cents will be paid as normal in April, but no final dividend will be paid next December. Durlop intends to consolidate and sub-divide each two existing shares into three 50 cent par shares immediately after the capital return.

Rugby Portland deal Société des Ciments Français, French cement group, an-nounces that its wholly-owned unit Société Ciments Français International has sold a 50 per cen stake in its Luxembourg based subsidiary CIE Finan-ciere pour le Recherche er Le Developpement to Rugby Portland cement of Britain. Cimems Français said

it had realized 8m L francs (about £127.5m) from the sale.

The French company said that

CFRD would from now on facilitate contact between it and

the United Kingdom firm in of 10 per cent might be postheir respective activities. Pioneer venture

Pioneer Electronic Corpora tion of Japan says that it plans to set up a joint-venture sales company with C. Melchaers, GMBH, in Bremen, West Ger-many in January. The venture is an effort to increase sales of Pioneer products in Eurojoint venture, Pioneer Mel-chers, GMGH, will be capita-lized at about 550m yen (about £11.8m), 60 per cent from C. Melchaers, MBH, a West Ger-man trading concern, and the other 40 per ceut from Pioneer's local subsidiary, Pioneer Electronic N.V.

NBT sells stake

North Borneo Timbers BHD (NBT) says it has agreed to sell 13 million ordinary shares and 1.62 million loan stocks in Sharikat Harper Gilfillan BHD to Blyth, Greene, Jourdain and Company of the United King-

Ladbroke urges its bid for Leisure & Gen

The latest circular from Ladbroke Group in support of its £6.2m bid for Leisure & General Holdings emphasizes that the Leisure board has not supported its rejection of the bid with a profit forecast for the current year. Despite this, need for funds to finance the future capital expenditure, and the capitel expenditure, and the current borrowings, the Leisure board have proposed a dividend which will reduce the cover from 3.3 to 1.7 on an historic basis—Ladbrokes say.

Briefly

Board has concluded an agree-ment with a major United States corporation to borrow \$5.5m and lend £3m for a period of 10 years. The loan will be used to reduce existing bank loans and to finance further investment in the United

time to manage operations for at least two years.

Mr R. E. B. Lloyd will join the board of Hill Samuel Group and will be an executive deputy chair-

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Exchange

Although not able to hold best positions the dollar had a better day on foreign exchanges yesterday. Sterling, in the meantime, showed a small fail on balance, losing 10 points at \$1.8455 compared with \$1.8475 overnight. The trade weighted index, however, made headway at \$5.8 compared with \$63.4 overnight.

Inhially sterling had gained fresh encouragement from Wednesday's further good trade figures and also from optimistic comment about future prospects for the pound from Amex.

Profit-taking elsewhere enabled the dollar to recoup some lost ground, but renewed unfooding of dollars when transachanic markets opened often trimmed back the earlier gains quite sharply.

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moderate sum for seven days and an extremely large amount overnight, both at MLR (7 per cent) to eight or alme houses.

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Colombia coffee

Bogota, Dec 15.—The Colombian Coffee Exporters' Association has not taken any formal steps despite American market reports that Colombia was trying to negotiate supply arrangements, probably lasting three months, with individual United States roasters at lower prices of between \$1.98 and \$2.03 per 1b. and with European roasters at \$2.03-\$2.06.

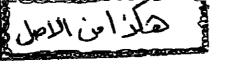
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Haroon and Mudassar show new team can stand on their own feet

From John Woodcock Cricket Correspondent Lahore, Dec 15

The mindlessness of a small Section of the crowd marred the second day's play in the first Test match between England and Pakistan here at the Caddafi Stadium. Pakistan were 295 for three or, well as much embarrassment and irritation to all those who had come to watch the cricket rather than a minority making a musance of themselves. At close of play Pallistan, in their first innings, were 360 for five.

were 360 for five.

I have lost count of the number of rious and minor rious I have known to stop cricket in Pakistan. As often as not they are prompted by the police, never at the best of times held in high regard, laying into spectators, who have encroached on to the field, with their lathis. They pick out one or two, smaller than themselves, and in trying to make an example of them they succeed only in making matthey succeed only in making mat-ters worse. Occasionally there are deeper, political causes of discon-tent, such as when the ground was invaded at Karachi in 1969, lead-ing to the abandonment of the last Test match of Colin Cowdrey's tour but that was not so, I think, to-day. This was a case of jubilation

Midasor was on the point of reaching the slowest hundred in the history of Test cricket (an uncovered record held previously by D. J. McGlew, playing for South Africa against Australia at Durban, with 9 hr 5 min) when he scored a single off Cope which took him from 98 to 99. Those who reckoned there was a second run there, or whose mathematical powers are not all they might be,

about, and the police in petrified retreat. Not until their military counterparts appeared 20 minutes later was order restored.

Alchough the patch had had a thousand pairs of feet across it England, to their credit, raised no objections to a resumption as soon as the ground was cleared, and Brearley, accompanied by Ken Barrington, the England manager, and an autick look more than thad a guick look more than Pakistan were 295 for three or, more importantly, Mudessar Nazar was 99 not out, when the trouble came. It cost 25 minutes' play, as well as much embarrassment and irritation to all those who had come to watch the cricket cather than a minority making a nuisance with the controlled element among the controlled element among the controlled element among the Miller, the less inhibited, or more uncontrolled, element among the crawd of 15,000 were back again, this time without a policemon in sight. They, as the catalyst, had been dismissed from the ground, so that everyone who wanted to embrace his perspiring hero was allowed to do so.

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There is really nothing to say about Mudassar other than that he is a young man of infinite patience and little power and that he has a resolute defence. What his inmings will have helped to do, together with Haroon's 122 and Miandad's 71, is to persuade Pakistan's new team that they can stand on their own feet, without Majid, Mushtaq, Asif, luran and Zaheer to prop them up—in this country anyway. If their present total, though, is to form the basis of a Pakistan victory, with two days already gone, England will need, on this mercilessiy good pinch, to bat depressingly badly or Pakistan to bowl uncommonly well. With Greig and the rest of them in Australia, and two useful leg spinners in the Pakistan side, if could happen, of course, but it will be disappointing if it does.

So heavy was the dew this morning that for a nuarter of an hour So heavy was the dew this morning that for a quarter of an hour the ball, if it reached the outfield, had to be dried when it came back. Brearley, even so, took the new bail after three overs. In theory it should have swang about in the haze; in practice it did nothing of the kind. The first



(left) and Miandad, who added a hundred in a fourth wicket partnership.

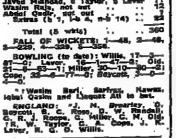
four overs Willis and Old bowled with the new ball cost no fewer than 40 runs and took Haroon to his first Test hundred, scored in his first Test hundred, scored in four hours and a quarter. Willis and Old got sufficiently overheated to resort to some fairly unparliamentary language. For England it was a bad start to the day, for Pakistan an unexpectedly productive one, with Madassar contributing the best stroke of his everlasting innings, a back foot force four off Old.

In their frustration England's faster bowlers bowled, I thought, too short. They were hooked a lot, except, of course, by Mudassar. It was in attempting to hook Lever that Haroon appeared to be caught by Brearley ranning back from slip: To England's ill-conceased astonishment Haroon was given not out, the fact that he rubbed his head convincing the umpire that the ball had not hit

bat or giove as well. It made no great difference. Happily, Haroon was caught and bowled soon afterwards, trying to whip Lever through mid-wicket. On Pakistan's combined tour to Australia and West Indies not long ago only Majid khan had a better record than the sturdy, smiling Haroon.

Next came Misudad, with a Sussex martlet on his sleeveless sweater. "Teil me, yes please, why Mr Greig has been responded his county captain", asked a Pakistani this morning. "Because Sussex are not like other counties" was the best I could give him. For the fourth wicket Mudassar and Miandad added 100, Miandad making most of the running, as he had to do and looking full of belikes entry outles while he was about it. After he had pulled Cope for six this afternoon Brearley was moved to place four men on the

boundary for him—at deep square leg, mid-wicket, long on and long off. It was developing into a not uninteresting struggle when the crowd became more of a



Packer and tradition are put | TCCB set target to the test 3,000 miles apart

Sydney, Dec 15.—Kerry Packer's toond series starts here tomored with both the result and the stent of public support important or his future. The match between a Australian XI and a West into the night to prepare the showground for the match. second series starts here tomorrow with both the result and the extent of public support important for his future. The match between an Australian XI and a West Indian XI needs to draw consider. ably larger crowds then attended the opening class two weeks ago if the Pocker series is seriously to challenge traditional Test cricket. challenge traditional Test cricket. For the opening match in Melbourne only 13.000 people attended during the three days that it took the West Indians to win by three wickets. At the same time Adstralia drew nearly 30,000 people over five days for their first Test match against India.

Australia's rival cricketers renew their battle for support tomorrow

their battle for support tomorrow in cides 3,000 miles apert, with the official team playing India in the second Test in Perth. Both matches could decide the loyalty and support of Australian cricket supporters for the rest of the two sections.

against the West Indians some supporters could lose interest because the series will have been decided. The Australians also play

decided. The Australians also play three other matches against a World XI late in January in a series orginally planned to test the strength of Australian cricket, which at the time was at the top of the world.

India also need to win their second Test after losing the first Test by 15 runs, If Australia win again supporters could decide that the opposition are no match for the home side and say away from the last three Tests.

Packer officials were confident that tomorrow's match would draw larger crowds because it will be played in the centre of the city at the Sydney Showground.

The Packer television chain and the state-financed Australian Broadcasting Commission (ABC) will challenge each other for telewill challenge each other for the-vision viewers during the two matches. The ABC will televise the Australia-India clash, but a three-hour difference in since access between Perth and Sydney will make comparisons between the appeni of both matches dif-ficult. The Packer match will start three hours before the Perth Test.

The Austreasan XI have dropped the veteran battman Douglas Walters and the opening battman Ian Davis. They have been replaced by Bruce Laird and Martin Kent, who have not represented their country in Test which the country in Test which the country in Test which the country is the country of the country in Test which the country in Test which the country is the country of the country of the country in Test which the country is the country of the countr

only one change to their winning side. Lawrence Rowe replacing James Allen. Rowe was injured and unavailable for the opening

WEST INDIAN XII G. Greenidge, Fredericks, G. Lieged, V. Richards, Rowe, D. Murroy, C. King, D. Holfe S. Roberts, M. Holding and Danki,—Rauter.

Correction

Tony Greig's contract with Sussex County Cricket Ciub has one year to run, pot two years, as stated on November 26.

of 17 overs an hour in Tests

Fines for slow bowling may be in operation in Test matches in England for the first time next summer. The Test and County Cricket Board recommend a target of 17 overs an hour and are to have discussions with the visiting countries, Pakistan and New Zealand, to introduce a fining system which would apply to both tem which would apply to both sides if the rate falls below that

sides if the rate raiss below that figure.

England's rate against Australia last season was 14.50, a slight rise on the 14.44 against West Indies the previous year. At the same time, the Board have reduced the required minimum rate in championship matches from 19.5 to 19 before fines become applicable.

After that, the lines will be £500 for 18.5, £800 for 18 and £1.000 for lower than that figure. There will be no repeat of last August when Middlesex and Somerset went into a sixth day before completing their Gillette Cup semi-final match. In future, all one-day cup knock-out matches must be finished inside times days. A coin will be tossed if when the weather interestes, because captules are unable to agree on what form of limited-over match should be played.

NZ tour increased

Two new dates have been added to the New Zealand tour next summer. They will now open their programme with a one-day match against Lavinia Duchess of Norfolk's XI at Arundol on June 18 before moving on to Eastbourne to play D. H. Robins' XI in a three-day game, starting on Wednesday, June 21. Their first county match it against Sussex on June 24.

Venkat invited to join party but he may be left outside

Perth, Dec 15.—India have dropped Prasaums, an off-spin bowier, for the second Test against Australia here tomorrow. The other Indian off-spin bowier, Venkataraghavan, replaces him in a party of 13. Chauhen and Ghavri are also called up.

ominous noises.

He took five for 70 in speer-bending Quoensland to victory by 128 runs over New South Wales in Sydney on Tuesday and his fear-some display on an unresponsive pitch prompted one of his victims. Border, to say: "If he bowis like that in Perth, he'll kill some-body." Thomson himself reported that his damaged right arm is "finally 100 per cent", and said: "I'm really going after the Indians. I'm trying to make up for the wickets I've missed over the past year."

The Perth wicket is regarded as Ghavri are also called up.

Gainnon, a Western Australian
Inflarm pace bowler, comes into
the Australian team to make his
first Test appearance at the sige
of 30 after taking four for 70
against the touring team. Gannon
replaces Furst, and Dyson, a
New South Wales bataman, is also
in line for his first Test appearspace.

ance.
Simpson, Australia's captain, said Dyson, who replaces Hibbert, would open the immings, even though he normally bets at No 3 for his state. Both the batsmen out of form, Cosler and Hughes, the 12th man for the first Test at Bristane, are in the 12, Hughes is expected to play and Cosler is likely to stand down.

India's content, Beth, said he India's captain, Bedi,

look at the pitch in the morning. It seems to be fast and lively. Ghavri may edge Venkstaraghavan out of the vide, leaving India, unusually, with only two spin bowlers, Bedi and Chandrasekhar. "It looks an extremely good wicket and the side that bats longest in the first immings will be in the driving soat ", Bodi said. Even so, the Indians may

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Radiey promoted Mike Breariey, re-appointed captain of Middlesex next season, will have a new vice-captain, Clive Radley, who takes over from Mike Smith. Don Beamert continues as captain of the second XI.

Southern out

Bampshire's left arm spin bowler, John Southern, is to miss the start of the next county season because he is studying for a teaching diploma at Oxford University.

The Perth wicket is regarded as the fastest in Australia and if Thomson, who has already taken 36 wickets this senson, can make use of it, the Australians should extend the advantage they gained by winning the first Test by 16 runs. Once again, Kerry Pecker's series is michae at the same

Rugby Union

Established performers on trial at Hughenden

By Peter West
Football Correspondent
There should be a revealing
clash of arms at Hughenden tomorrow when almost all of the
forwards aspiring to a Scottish
cap this season will be playing
for Glasgow or the South in the
district championship. The spiciest
item will be another meeting between the old guard at prop, Ian
McLauchlan and Sandy Carmichael
and the new, Jinn Aitken and
Norman Pender.

Norman Pender. The same contest occurred a year ago when what was thought to be a formidable Clasgow pack was pulverized by the South to the tune of 43—0. It may have occurred too early in the season for two or Scotland's most trusty camaziners. Just it sewed the campaigners, but it sewed the The national captain, McLauch-

Ine national captain, McLauchtan, in due course lost his place to Aitken and was not recalled national, against Wales. Carmichael eventually appeared in all lour but, against Ireland, only as a replacement for Pender where a replacement for Pender, whose taste of international football lasted, because of a rib injury, for 15 mintues.
AlcLauchlan and Carmichael

were then reunited to participate in Scotland's outstanding all-round forwar deffort against Wales and, by their performances, clearly put themselves in line for another Lion's tour. In addition McLauchlan still looked a strong candidate for the Lions cap-taincy. But no member of the Scottish pack went to New Zea-land, which led to much dishelief, not to say bitterness, north of the

Altken and Pender played well for the South against Edinburgh last week but McLauchlan is reported to be in especially fine form, so it looks as if Aitken has much to prove. McLauchlan is said to be fitter than ever at this time of year, no doubt because of the Scottish tour to the Far East, when his presence as an "elder statesman" must have been invaluable.

Carmichael, with a record oumber of 49 Sconish caps, may face a yet stronger challenge from Pender, whose scrummaging qualities make him, among members of the front row union, the most feared tight bead in Scotland. But Pender is not as mobile nor as effective as Carmichael in the loose. These, then, are the four props clearly in line again for two international But Bill McLaren tells me that

his neck some years ago He has been effective at close nuarters this season and he did his cause no harm when Scotland lost their B international to Ire-land 7-3. Bill Dickinson. now succeeded as national coach by Nairn MacEwan, has 20ne on record as saying that Scotland's main problem in the near future must be the replacement of tehe outstanding tight forwards who have served them so well in the next decade.

past decade.

Since Gordon Brown's shoulder Injury seems likely to rule him out until the Welsh match in February, Scotland will need to start with another lock alongside Alastair McHarg.

Rollitt dropped from final

Gloucestershire have dropped their long serving dumber eight, David Rollitt, for the county championship final with North Midlands at Moseley on New Year's Eve.

Rollitt, who holds the county record of 73 appearances, moved from Bristol to Richmond this security selections. have been unhappy with his form to recent games.

Nigel Pomphrey, a candidate for the number eight position in the

England team, is changed to that position for the final with John Fidler returning to the second row to improve the line out work. He was injured in the first county game of the season.

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Boxing

Ali to defend his title against Norton New York, Dec 15 .- The pro-

moter, Bob Arum announced today he ha dsigned Muhammed Ali to defend his world heavy-weight title against Ken Norton,

All, attending a press conference to publicize his February 15 tiple contest against Leon Spinks, surprised the gattering, when in response to a question as to his intentions of fighting Norton, said: "I just signed a contract with Rob Arum to fight Norton, Now it is up to Norton, I want to end all this talk about me avoid-

ing Norton."

All earlier had said he wanted a purse of 12 million dollars to light Norton but when Mr Arum was asked if he had agreed to give the champion 12 million, Mr Arum responded: "No, not yet. All I've given him is a 125,000 dollar advance payment which would be forfeited if the fight did not take place. Naturally, I need to be financed by someone else to put up a sum that large."

The promoter said the contest The promoter said the contest would definitely not be held in the United States.—Reuter.

England team England's ABA boxing team in meet Scotland in the New Year

meer Schadd in the System will be Light-flyweight: P. Firtcher, Fly. R. Jones Bantam G. Nicholla, Feather by Owen Light: G Gilbody Light-weiter: C Sanigar Weiter: E Walker Light-middle: M Lourney, Middle: D. Parks Light-heavy: R. Christie, Heavy: G Janes

Tennis

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Hockey

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Two odd men out as top 20 in England tune up

In order to fulfil several indoor In order to fulfil several indoor, heckey commitments in January, 20 England players have been selected for training at the Watford Leisure Centre on Sunday. The course starts at 11.0 and will end at 8.0. The object of the exercise is to prepare the team for the sixnation tournament at Crystal Palace from January 13 to 15. The four home countries will be joined by France and Italy, and there will be a special trophy for the winners of the match between England and Scotland.

Scotland

ENCLAND TRAINING PARTY: R. J.
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Hunst (St Albans). A Mao (Teddington). B. N. F. Mills (Beckenham).
I. S. McIntosh (Backonham). G. B.
Norse (Tulse Hill). B. S. Sahil
(Slough). I. A. Thomson (Hounglow).
C. B. Ward (Firebrands). D. B.
Whitaker (Southgate).

Moot of the England party come

Minister Isolungate).

Most of the England party come from the south, the odd men out being Eyre (Liverpool Sefton) and Ward (Firebrands). Still, the party represent the best indoor talent, much of which will be revealed earlier in the Indoor News club January 1. The visiting teams for this event include Cardiff, Coventry

and North Warwick and Isca. An England team, represented by the Roses Club, will play in an an international club tournement at The Hague on January 7 and 8. Scotland will be represented here by Grapwood. Because of the commitment at

Because of the commitment at The Hague, the outdoor training weekend scheduled for the England World Cap party on January 7 and 8 has been cancelled. Many of them will probably be relieved after their stremuous tour of India. The Hockey Association announced during the week that they were still investigating the report made by the match and fixture secretary concerning the administrative shortcomings of the Indian tour before the Nehrat tournament.

A full statement is expected before the Nehra tournament.

A ful statement is expected shortly, but the Indian team meanwhile have accepted the invitation to play in the international festival at Lord's on March 11 and 12. They will arrive on March 8 and probably play a match against Indian Gymkiana before they go to Lord's.

John Cadman and David Vinsual will attend the coaches' seminar organized by the Federation Internationale de Hockey (FIR), from December 28 to January 3 at Earcelona. The course will be conducted by Horst Wein, of West Germany, who is also the cuach of the Spanish team.

Squash rackets

Disqualified for arguing

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The reserve. Peter Booth, told Kaoud: "You are disqualified for persistently arguing with my decisions." With that Kaoud walked off the court and Robiuson was declared the winner on a tustle he could hardly have lost.

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Abbas Kaoud, of Egypt, was disqualified from the Dunlop Trophy meeting with lan Robinson, England's number two amateur player at Wembley last night. The match, part of the amusal encounter between the amateurs and professionals came to a head with Yorkshire's Robinson lending 9—3.

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Toshack is caught off balance by Newcastle's offer of £80,000

Newcastle United have agreed to pay Liverpool £80,000 for John Toshack, their Welsh international striker. Toshack, who has spoken to Newcastle's manager. Bill McGarry, on the telephone, has agreed to further talks roday. Mr McGarry said: "My move has taken Toshack by surprise and he motivally wants to talk things over naturally wants to talk things over with his wife.

with his wife.

"I had hoped to sign him in time for Saturday's match with Wolves, but that is now impossible." Mr McGarry has been chasing a target man since he was appointed manager of Newcastie a month ago, and has had bids for Parlane, of Rangers, and Macdonald, of Arsenal, rejected.

Liverpool's manager, Bob Paisley, said: "I have given Newcastie permission to talk to Toshack. It is now completely up to the player." Toshack, who underwent an Achilles tendon operation during the summer, has played only five senior games this season. He joined Liverpool from Cardiff for £120,000 seven years ago.

agu. Mr Paialey described Jordan, of Leeds United, and Souness, of Middlesbrough, as "overpriced" vesterday after failing to vesterday after falling to strengthen his party in the attempt to keep the European Cup. Leeds wanted £350,000 for Jordan and Middlesbrough rejected Mr Paisley's £325,000 offer for

Middlesbrough rejected Mr Paisley's £325,000 offer for Souness.

"We would have liked them both in view of the European Cup", Mr Paisley said, well aware that any player signed after 5.0 yesterday afternoon was ineligible for the quarter-final round of the competition. "They were overpriced and we had been pushed into a corner because of the signing deadline, but both deals are now dead", he said.

Souness, a Scottish international, had wanted to move to Andield and Jordan, also a Scottish international, is unlikely to have been against foining the League champions. Earlier this week, Jordan rejected a move to Ajax, a top Dutch clob who, like Liverpool, are keen to sign a star player to help their European interests.

Jimmy Armfield, the manager of Leeds, knew nothing of Liverpool's attempt to sign Jordan, their second this season. "They did not come to me on the first occasion. Their chairman spoke to our chairman, and yesterday that their failure to secure Jordan's transfer was the result of a minumforwand.



Strikers on the move: Toshack (left) is expected to join Newcastle United and Royle has signed for Bristol City.

ing and they still hoped to sign into. The two clubs agreed terms on Mondey on a fee of about £375,000 but Jordan rejected the terms as being too low.

Mr van Praag confirmed that Jordan was offered an annual salary of about £45,000, which would have put him in the same bracket as Krol, the club captain. Ronald Teeman, Jordan's business manager, said: "We had understood that considerably less money was involved."

Joe Royle, Manchester City's former England striker, signed for Bristol City for £90,000. He has been on loan since the end of November and finally agreed to a permanent move. He missed the second half of last week's 2-0 win over Ipswich Town with hamstries trouble but he is generated.

win over Ipswich Town with ham-string trouble, but he is expected to be fit for tomorrow's metch at

Derby.

Royle scored all four goals in his first match for Bristol in the 4—1 win against Middlesbrough to add to the three he had already scored for Manchester this season. He went to Maine Road in December, 1974, from Everton for £200,000. He has been unsettled

Southampton, in the summer.

John Beck, of Coventry City,
has come off the transfer list at has come off the transfer list at his own request. Beck, formerly of Queen's Park Rangers, asked for a move last mouth because he said he was unhappy with second team football. Beck said yesterday: "I have been talking it over with my wife. We are both happy at Coventry and don't want to leave. So I am going to give it more time to try and win back a first team-place."

Blackburn Rovers have signed Ramsbuttom, a goalkeeper, on loan Walwyi

Blackburn Rovers have signed Ramsbottom, a goalkeeper, on loan from Plymouth. It will be a case of returning home for Ramsbottom, aged 31, who was born in Blackburn. He played for Bury, Blackpool and Sheffleid Wednesday before going to Plymouth in July, 1976.

This season he has lost it's first team place to Barron. Blackburn's manager, lim Smith, said: "Since we sold Paul Bradshaw to Wolves in September, we have been short of experienced cover in goal. Young John Burcher is doing a great job for us as first choice but I want Nell as a cover."

For Fern and Guthrie a chance to reminisce

Two men who have sampled the atmosphere of playing in an FA. Cup final at Wembley will line up against each other in the second round comorrow. Guthrie, who won a winner's medal in Sunderland's surprising victory over Leeds United in 1973, plays for Blyth Spartans, of the Northern League, in the home much against Chesterfield, included in the Chesterfield party is Fern, a surface who was on the losing side when Leichster City were beenen by Manchester City in 1969.

Blyth have several players recovering from hyuries but their biggest doubt is Alder, who has a torn thigh muscle. Alder is a survivor from Blyth's 1971-72 team, the last season they reached the

survivor from Blyth's 1971-72 team, the last season they reached the third round, when they best Crawe and Stockport County before lossing at Reacting in a replay.

Alan Fogarty, Wealdstone's but I have told some of the manager who travels regularly to the club from his home in Coventry, does not give his side said.

much chance in their second round tie with Reading at Lower Mead, "Reading are playing well at the moment and we are not ", he said." "We may have beaten Hereford but they are not a patch on Read-ing, and when we took them on we had a run of 15 games without defeat.

defeat.

"On Saturday, we turn out without a win since the replay win and frankly, not much chance." Mr Fogarty's gloomy prediction is based on the fact that out of his professional party of 14, four are injured and one is cup-tted.

Furphy, the hero of the first round replay win at Heraford, has a back injury Feary has en ankle injury and both Hockham and

in Spare.
"I think I am one of the worst
paid managers of an international
team in Europe", Mr Giles said.

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THIRD DIVISION: Training Rovers V Oxford United (7.30).

Skiing

Miss Wenzel achieves first objective of season the season's opening sislom at Cervinia five days ago, gives her a 13-point lead in the standings. Miss Wenzel last won a World Cup race two seasons ago at Sun Valley in United States. She was runner-up in the cup that year, but last season was plagued by injuries and took only one combination title.

celebrated her twenty-first birth-day today by winning her first skiing World Cup race for twoskiing World Cup race for twoand-a-half yeers, and taking over
at the top of the women's cup
standings. "I'm very happy. A
champion needs victories and today
showed that I'm going well this
year after suffering so many injuries." Miss Wenzel, who was I'v
yesterdiy, said, after winning the
season's second grant slatom here. "I've now achieved my first objective of the season—winning a World Cup race, Now I'm looking for a medal at the world championships next month and, after that, maybe I'll have a chance for the World Cup itself."

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for the World Cup itself."
Sking with great poise and consistency, Miss Wenzel was second fastest over both legs to-day, and finished with a total time of 3min 02.13sec. compared with 3min 02.68sec for second-placed Monlka Kaserer, of Austria. Today's victory, added to a revised fourth place in last week's giant stalom at Val d'Isère and third place in

tirried to form today after injury.

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Miss Kaserer, one of the top giant slalomists since 1972, re-turned to form today after injury.

Oxford win despite Ayles

From a Special Correspondent Flaine, France, Dec 15
The university giant skalom was held here this morning on an ky piste. Oxford won easily, in solite of a fast run by Ayles, of Cambridge, which won him the individual trophy. After a few mitial problems concerning thing equipment and ski lifts, the race went smoothly. Ayles's run was aggressmoothly. Ayles's ron was aggressive and his fluent style belief the
difficulty of the snow conditions,
except at one your where he
made an acrobatic recovery, but
it did not seem to affect his final Rusself took second place after a shaky start and a firm finish. He was followed by a spate of Oxford

skiers. Kirwan Taylor, on-expectedly, came in third, ahead of three racers within a second of phree racers within a second of each other.

Scott was the second lastest for Cambridge but he was two seconds behind the sorth skier. Oxford fulfilled the promise they showed in training and they are now in a position which suggests. Yet when will keep the combined title for another year. The slatom event will be held tomorrow.

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Latest European snow reports



new contract with Ireland John Giles accepted the post of

Giles accepts

football yesterday, even though he paid international managers in Europe. Mr GRes's new contract with the Football Association of Ireland puts him in charge of international football at all levels. except the youth grade, until the end of the 1982 World Cup final

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Yesterday's results

Tonight's fixture

Badminton BAE move to lift ban on Mrs Gilks

By Richard Streeton By Richard Streeton
The first steps taken towards healing the recent breach between the Badminton Association of England (BAE) and Mrs Gillan Gilks, the country's leading woman player, became known yesterday, in effect the BAE intend to lift their ban on Mrs Gilks playing abroad, though administrative promotol means it will be mid-January before any official decision to announced.

A meeting of the BAE's macri-

before any official decision is announced.

A meeting of the BAE's executive committee, reflecting widespread feeling among other players, has decided that it was not right for them to continue refusing Mrs Gilks permission to play overseas. They leave therefore given what was described as "a firm directive" to that effect to their events committee.

The events committee next meet to lampionships from January 11, so Mrs Gilks will definitely miss the Swedish open championships from January 5-8, which normally she might have wished to enter. She will, however, almost certainly be free to play in other important European championships in the new year should she wish to do so.

Mrs Gilks and the BAE have been in disagreement over several issues for almost a year, one of the first concerning the choice of her women's doubles partner. The among this was unavailable to play for England this winter hecause of turther when Mrs Gilks amounced she was unavailable to play for England this winter because of commitments involved with a sports goods shop she has opened in Barnet.

The BAE later decided it was not in the best interests of the young official England team on their overseas appearances to

their overseas appearances to men Mrs Gilks playing as an in-divious, entry. This decision sur-prised and disappointed both organizers and sponsors

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Walwyn hopes for Boxing Day presents at Kempton Park

Racing Correspondent
Falke Walwyn has high hopes Falle Walwyn has high hopes of winning the two most valuable races run at kempton Park on Smigh Day, the King George VI Smighechase and the William Hill Chrismas Hurdle. Twelve months ago he went close to bringing off that most rewarding double when fort. Devon finished second in the spreplechate half a length behind the winner and Dramatist won the mardle. This time he will be saiding the same two horses and obviously he has an excellent chance of winning both races. No one knows better than widneyn what sort of horse is notessary to win the King George. He won the first race held in 1947 with Rowland Boy, and he has won it four times since; twice with Mendarin, initially in 1957 and then in 1959, and with Mill House and The Dikier. The only major to have won the race more than twice was the late Peter than twice was the late Peter mainer to have won the race more

casaes, who won it four times in the 1950s.

Walwyn told me yesterday that Fort Devon was in fine form and that he has taken his hard race in the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup in his stride. That would seem to suggest that Fort Devon has become fully acclimatized to life in this country, and that he is probably a better, stronger horse than he was last winter when he just failed to win the King George on his second appearance in au English steeplechase. After Dramatist had finished second to Birds Nest in the Bula Hurdle at Cheltenham last Saturday, his rider, will Smith, said he felt that the horse would do better if he raced over farther than two miles or

Sedgefield programme

12.45 TUDHOE HURDLE (£272; 2m)

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1.15 ACROPOLA FAREWELL HURDLE (Handicap: £1,094:

That remark was obviously in the back of Walwyn's mind on Saturday, when he asked for time in which to ponder his horse's future. After giving it much thought, Walwyn has decided to persevere for the time being and let Dramatist take his chance again in the Christmas Hurdle, in which he bear Night Nurse and Birds Nest by a neck and a head last year.

O'Neill at his best on The Last Light

victories in his last four races this season when winning the feature revent the Crown and Mître Hotel Christmas Handicap Steeplechase at Carlisle yesterday. But it was not certain whether the eight-year-old would line up for the race. His owner-trainer-breeder John Dixon, explained: "! thought the ground might be against him, but decided to let get sponsors at your local course, you must support them."
Trenarron and Forest King shared the early running, but three fences out, David Goulding, signals of the least sipped Lucius into the lead.
Jonjo O'Neill; riding his sixty-first
winner of the season, accelerated
The Last Light between the last
two feaces, and strode away on
the flat.
The Last Light was a The Last Light now goes for the Rowland Meyrick Handicap Sumplechase at Wetherby on Boxing Day. His trainer, who

event has now had alx witners this season with only four horses. Gay Spartan, the 9-4 favourite, was pulled up about four feaces out and the stewards quickly held an inquiry and ordered a routine dope test. The vet, who examined Gay Spartan, disclosed that the son of Spartan General was running a temperature.

Rear's Paw whose diet in clades eggs and glucose, won the Burton Rubber Company Handi-cap Steeplechase at Uttoxeter

Button Rubber Company Hands-cap Steeplechase at Uttoxeter yesterday with bold front-running factics and earned himself a tilt at the Premier Embassy Steeplechase froat at Haydock Dark in Lorunger Park in January. Rot to within hair a length of Bear's Paw two fences out but the leader had something in reserve, and, jumping the last obstacle in fine style, sprinted away on the flat to win by three lengths from the outsider Jer, who ran Ireland's Owen out of

Lanark course is saved

Lanark racecourse bas been saved the chairman Mr Alex Legat, said last night: "We think we shall now be able to carry on racing into the foreseeable future following tremendous support from the public this week."

It was announced last Sunday that Lanark would be unable to fulfil its financial commitments and that the course would have to close down. The Levy Board and Jockey Club started planning to reallocate Lanark's fixtures to other Scottlah courses.

down, we have had financial support from the general public support from the general public that has been gathering momentum all week. Some of the contributions have been quite expraordinary, and yesterday I was able to write to the Levy Board chairman, Sir Desmond Plummer, saying that we had had second thoughts about being mable to

Saturday, and even his mainer, Peter Easterby, admits to being baffied. Finally, Walwyn is happier to let Dramatist take on Beacon Light at Kempton than he would be if he had to oppose Birds Nest again, now that Birds Nest has found his rhytim.

Earlier this week their trainer, Bob Turnell, was still undecided as to which of his two he would run at Kempton. Yesterday he gave me the strongest him that Beacon Light would be his representative. "I shall leave them both in the race at the four-day forfeit stage in case of mishap". Turnell told me, "but basically Birds Nest has done enough racing for the ime being, and at this stage Beacon Light is the more likely runner".

Today's racing at Devon and Exeter and Sedgfield is of a rather hundrum nature. The card af Devon and Exeter has been enlarged because of the numerous divisions of the Chudleigh Novices' Hurdle, one of which will, I hope, be won by Plagstaff (2.30). Apparently there was much to like about the way that he won his first and only race this season, and I fancy that he will be capable of winning again in this company.

carry on."
Lanark is one of Britain's older

Carberry hopes

Tommy Carberry, who was suc-cessful on Brown Lad at Down

Royal on Wednesday, had to miss the Gowan Park meeting yesterday

injury received when schooling a

" On medical advice I may be out of action for the next week or so, but I should be all right

by Christmas

to be fit

of winning again in this company.

Walwyn. First, the conditions of

the race suit Dramatist better

than they did last year. On that

occasion he was receiving only

the difference will be 61b. Then there is Night Nurse's form to be

borne in mind. He looked a

shadow of his former self on

Saturday, and even his trainer,

Peter Easterby, admits to being

31b from his main rivals : this time



Sedgefield selections

By Our Racing Correspondent 12.45 Blakewin, 1.15 Ingham, 1.45 Cromwell Road, 2.15 Marcus Lady, 2.45 Brother Will, 3.15 Hopeful Cld.

Devon and Exeter selections

By Opr Racing Correspondent 11.30 Head-Gear, 12.0 Botanist. 12.30, Calculator, 1.0 Go Brookhire. 1.30 Sea Swell. 2.0 Portway Nick. 2.30 FLAGSTAFF is specially recom-mended. 3.0 Waterside, 3.30 Mount livine.

9-4 Evender, 3-1 Ordio, 4-1 See Seral) 11-2 Mr Spright, 8-1 Nan Lucky Victory, 14-1 Jody Sallor, 16-1 Parkhouse, 20-1 Eventalions.

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Hagan Hile, D. Barum 5-10-10.

Pelace, L. Kernsert, 5-10-11.

Hazy Melody, J. Kurnard, 5-10-5

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Boar and Skittles (C.D.) A. FRE. 5-10-5

Agir, Miss S. Morris. 5-10-3

Griff Gold (D.) A. Pretting, 11-10-3

Kastrin, D. Bartens, 10-10-3

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Germini Miss. D. Scott, 5-10-0

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Romany Car, F. Kant, 5-10-0

Note: Standard Scott Sc

3-1 Portway Nick. 7-2 Palaco, 4-1 Beer and Skittee, 5-1 Servi Jolly Mick 10-1 Wallzor, 14-1 Sond Gold, 16-1 Croftamio, 20-1 others.

2.30 CHUDLEIGH HURDLE (Div I : Part II : Novices : £340 : 2m)

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> 2.0 DECEMBER HURDLE (Handicap : £1.023 ; 3m 1f)

Devon and Exeter programme

1.45 BRANDON STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £783: 2m)



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Uttoxeter 12.30 (12.30) SUDBURY STEEPLE: CHASE (5-1-0 novices: £569: 2m 11) Dyscole, ch. g. by Sassafras—Madino
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P. Haynes (evens fav.)
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Mr. A. J. Wilson (25-11 2
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ALSO RAN: 10-1 Charles Swift.

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Jaded Sizitor Carloon Thuo, Cold

Spell, Esta Lady (f), Firius (3th),

Saucy Inip (p), 1- ran.

1.0 (13) YOUNGSTERS HURDLE (Handicap: £359 21m1 fair Fool. bg. by Court Fool. Mts Fiurry B. worthington: 5-10-13 A. Level: (20-11 fair 1 Level: 20-11 fair 1 fair Prince ... N Charles (7-1) 2 frish Prince ... T. McCore (5-1) 2 ALSO RAN: 12-1 Distant Gousin *p).
Four ran.
TOTE: Win. 18p: dual forecast. 24b
Wrs. R. Lomax. at Marborough. 5t.
bud. Three was no bid for the winner. **CHASE (2550 Sm 27)

ALSO RAN: 3-1 fav Traspir, 9-2 Corriccholl, 8-1 John's Knapp, 10-1 Moorobinda, 12-1 County Clare (4th), 16-1 Prince Artic (f), 35-1 Feel Free, 10 Fan. TOTE: Win, Sip: places, 13p, 38p, 22p; dual forecast, 25 25, G. Barlow, at Macciesfield. Ji et, Low Profile de fot run. CHASE (1559 3m 2f)

2-1 Mount Invine, 7-2 Beings Boy, -5-1 Tudor Walls, Lord Toby, 10-1 Currenholass, Forument, 16-1 others.

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2.30 (2.30) ASHBOURNE STEEPLE CHASE (Handican: E707: 2m 11) Allied Carpais, ch g, by Anthony
—Sweet Pai JE, Warstier),
5.11-6... J. Burke (2-9, fav. 1
Double Slave, S, Smith Eccles (7-2), 2 3.0 (3.0) CUBLEY HURDLE (Handi-

TOTE: Win: 21.55: places. 32p.
11p. 15p. 17p: dual forcessi. £3.49.
Ricks. T. F. Rimell, at Seven
TOTE DOUBLE: Bears Paw and
Allied Carpets: 55.20. TREBLE: Fair
Frol. Peter Scott and Royal Gaye;
£39.20.

Motor racing

New Ford-powered chassis on trial Davidge takes over from

At the end of a busy week for new Grand Prix car announce members, the Theodore Racing Team has unveiled the Ford-powered chassis with which they will be contesting all of next year's world champtonship races. Called the Theodore TR1, it has been designed by Jack Brabham's former partner, Ron Tauranac, and its fumre development will be overseen by the experienced consultant engineer Len Balley, who beas included for the Theodore but the 24-year-old Dublin-born formula three subtant engineer Len Balley, who beas at the wheel when the first circuit trials begin today at Goodwood. By John Blunsden contesting all of next year's world champtonship races, Called the Theodore TRI, it has been designed by Jark Brabham's former partner, Ron Tauranac, and its future development will be overseen by the experienced consultant engineer Len Balley, who will be working closely with the Theodore team throughout 1978. sultant engineer Len Balley, who will be working closely with the Theodore team throughout 1978.

Theodore Racing, which was formed last year through a partnership between the Hongkong businessman Teddy Yio and the experienced racing entrant and price of that Taylor will employ an experienced formula one driver for his team's early races.

There are several candidates in the wines who could be applicable.

business enterprises in South-East
Asia are providing the finance for this new Woking-based team which, during the past season, ran an Ensign for the French driver
Asia are providing the finance for this new Woking-based team Michel Leclere.

Other possibilities are Gunnar Nilsson from Sweden, and Riccardo Patrick Tambay, who has since-patrick for the finance for conserved racing entrant and list team's early races.

Corner deriver San Taylor, from Dublin, has something in common with Walter Wolf racing in that for the two South American races and possibly the South African grand prix as well, including the

rattese, both of whom are expec-ted to run in a team being pur together by the former Grand Prix driver, Jackte Oliver, but may not have cars available until well into next season.

The Theodore is another con-The Theodore is another conventional car in a year when several toems are banking on design simplicity and careful detail work giving them a trouble free time. The car is only a few pounds over the weight limit and Taylor is confident that the excess poundage can be taken off easily. It will be interesting to watch the progress of this tight-knit but highly professional team, who made a considerable impact after they entered the 1977 Grand Prix team an mid-season.

Royal Regatta's chief executive means committee. The new ARA president is one of Eritain's most restricted in the Royal Regatta's chief executive means committee. The new ARA president is one of Eritain's most restricted in the Royal Regatta's chief executive means committee. The new ARA president is one of Eritain's most restricted in the Royal Regatta's chief executive means committee. The new ARA president is one of Eritain's most restricted in the Royal Regatta's chief executive means committee. The new ARA president is one of Eritain's most restricted in the Royal Regatta's chief executive means committee. The new ARA president is one of Eritain's most restricted in the Royal Regatta's chief executive means committee. The new ARA president is one of Eritain's most restricted in the Royal Regatta's chief executive means committee. The new ARA president is one of Eritain's most restricted in the Royal Regatta's chief executive means committee. The new ARA president is one of Eritain's most restricted in the Royal Regatta.

Garton as president

By Jim Railton

Ritish rowing has come to the end of an era. On Wednesday John Garton redired as president of the Amateur Rowing Association (ARA), an office he held for 10 years. Only 24 hours earlier Mr Garton stood down from Henley Royal Regatta's chief executive post of chairman of the management committee. The new ARA president is one of Britain's most distinguished oarsmen. Christopher Davidge, with Peter Coni assuming command of the Royal Regatta.

Sixty-one-year-old Mr Garton announced his intended retirement over a year ago from these two

Royal Regatta with a handsome surplus and in his 10 years of office, Mr Garton has been an exceptional chancellor conquering inflation which threatened to stri the Royal Regatta down to its bare bones. bare bones.

Mr Davidge has been involved with sport for a long period. A former president of Oxford University boat club, Mr Davidge represented Great Britain between 1952 and 1963 and among his many rowing achievements were gold medals in the 1957 European champiouships and the 1962 Commonwealth Games. Mr Davidge has been involved with executive nests in the past few years for posts in the past few years for the International Rowing Federa-tion and was chef de mission of the 1975 British Olympic team

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Court of Appeal

Abortive specific performance order replaced by damages

Before Lord Justice Buckley, Lord Justice Goff and Sir David Cairus [Judgements delivered Dec 13] sold by their mortgagees before the defendant purchaser had complied with an order for specific performance of her contract to purchase were entitled to have the specific performance order dis-charged and to obtain damages in

lieu.

The Court of Appeal allowed an appeal by the plaintiff vendors. Mr Michael Charles Johnson and Mrs Renee Marie Johnson, from the refusal of Sir Robert Megarry, Vice-Chancellor, to grant them relief in relation to an order for specific performance by Miss Adeline Agnew, of Walton Street, Knightsbridge, London, of her contract to purchase Sheepcote Grange and Sheepcote Cottage and adjoining land at Woburn Common, Hitcham, Buckinghamsidre.

Mr Peter Millett, QC and Mr Dirik Jackson for the plaintiffs; Mr J. H. Hames, QC, and Mr J. K. S. Demission for Miss Agnew.

Agnew.

LORD JUSTICE BUCKLEY said that on November 1, 1973, Miss Agnew agreed in writing to purchase from the plaintiffs two pieces of land at Wooburn Common for £117,000. Both properties were mortgaged. On the same day the plaintiffs bought a house for £34,000, horrowing the money from their tunilers.

Had Miss Agnew completed her purchase of the properties the plaintiffs would have had ample funds to redeem their mortgages and pay for their new house, leaving a comfortable margin. She falled to complete, and in March, 1974, the plaintiffs issued their writ, claiming, inter alia, specific performance and damages for breach of contract. On June 24, 1974, the master, on the plaintiffs' summons, made a summary order for specific performance.

Meanwhile, the first mortgagees Meanwhile, the first morragees of the properties had taken steps to enforce their securities, and

by Christmas ", the Irish champion National Hunt jockey said after a visit to a specialist. He is to get treatment for a pulled ligament, but is confident that he will be 100 per cent fit in time to ride James Dreaper's Brown Lad in the King George VI Steeplechase at Kampton Park on Boxing Day. Vice-Chancellor to relief under

Carlisle results

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Lucius D. Goolding (5-1: 2
Spacer N. R. Gray (25-1: 3
ALSO RAN 9-4 Ray Gay Sparten
[21. 5-1 Tregarron 12-1 Forest Ray,
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Little Swift (4th: 7 ran.) TOTE: Win, 180; places, 16s 75p; dual forecast, 21.33. J. Dison, at Carllais, 3i, 8i. 2,45 (2,48) MEADS NOOK STREPLE CHASE (Novices: £537: 25m)

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TOTE: Win. 14p; dual forecast, 15p.
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Minibelle (Miss A. Smith:, 4-10-11.... 8. Charlion (20-1): 4
Roman Deen ... R. Berry (5-1): 2
Cool Lynne ... P. Mangan (11:' 3
ALSO RAN: 6-4 fav Sanpello, 2-1
Mouraide (4th), Ratherne (7: 20-1
Colonid (70cket, Karvita, 33-1 Table
Water, Anyone Not Dancing, 12 ran. TOTE: Win, £4.72: places, 44p, 26p. 19p: dual forcest £18.04, R. Cross, at Alawick, 4l, 20l.

TOTE DOUBLE: Kinora, Fair View, 55.25. TREBLE: Leyburn Lady, The Last Labit, Beau Brigg, 24.05. Paid on first two legs only. -Artiste Gay (Str J. Hammer), 10-2 C. Tinkler (14-1) 10-2 C. Tinkier (14-1) 1
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Foxy Fanny R. F. Davies (6-2) 3
ALSO RAN: 9-2 Glissando. 6-1
Durham Lad. 11-1 Doc de Bolebe.
14th: 12-1 Offa's Dvke, 20-1 Estate
Ascall Loomshina, 35-1 An Forever
19-1. Cornet Joyce. Linden Dolly.
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(2), but reserved the right to do The Vice-Chancellor had been entirely justified in concluding that relief could not be granted on the lines of (1). It would clearly wrong to compel

nerformance. On the appeal counsel had asked alternatively for relief on the lines of (2) and, in the further alternative, for the discharge of the specific performance order and damages in lieu under Lord Calras, Act.

or the properties has taken steps to enforce their securities, and both properties were sold by July, 1975. The proceeds were less than the amount owing by Miss Agnew by more than £56,000. The plainiffs appeared to be heavily insolvent unless they could recover damages from her.

Because of the sales the plainiffs could not coursy the property under the order for specific performance. They sought by motion (1) psyment of the balance of the purchase price by Miss Agnew less the amount realized by the mortgages? wales and an inquiry as to damages, which might be under the Lord Cairus. Act prisidiction: or (2) a declaration that the plainiffs were entitled to treat the contract as repuding and an inquiry as to demages occasioned thereby.

Before the Vice-Chancellor contract as repuding

Chancery Division

Agnew to pay the balance of the purchase price as such when the plaintiffs were no longer able to perform their obligations under the contract. There would not be manuality, which was a basic requirement of any exercise of the jurisdiction to compel specific performance.

In Capital and Suburban Prop-ernes Ltd v Swycher ([1976] Ch 319) the Court of Appeal held, in accordance with a long line of authorities originating in Henry v

for breach at common law.

That decision, it was submitted, was per incurian and wrong because the House of Lords decision in United Australia Bank Ltd g Barclays Bank Ltd ([1941] AC 1) had not been brought to the court's attention. However, that case was widely different from Capital and Suburban Properties and his Lordship could not accept that if it had been cited it would have affected the result. The fact that a case which might have some persuasive effect had not been cited in a later case was not sufficient to justify regarding the later case as decided per incurian. It was submitted that the cases It was submitted that the cases arising from Henry v Schroder had been wrongly decided in consebeen wrongly decided in consequence of a misconception about the kind of resolution involved. However, as the decision had stood for so long as an established rule and had been acted on on numerous occasions, it should not now be disturbed unless it was manifestly wrong in principle and liable to cause substantial injustice.

His Lordship had stated in Capital and Suburban Properties reasons for thinking that, at any rate in an ordinary case, the rule did not cause injustice. How did it stand on principle?

If a purchaser failed to com-

was of the essence of the con-tract, the vendor could choose whether to treat the contract as repudiated and sue for damages for the breach or whether to sue for specific performance. If he recovered damages for breach his choice had to be irrevocable for the cause of action merged in the judgment.

Under a specific performance

order, if it were worked out, the vendor would receive the whole amount due under the contract. That remedy would be equivalent in financial terms to the remedy in damages. Where however, it became im-practical to work out the specific performance order, the vendor might obtain an order rescinding

the contract. If he still had the property and it had appreciated. he could not equitably claim damages. If, however, he no longer had the property or it had depre-ciated, he should have some other remedy in addition to the right to retain the property. Such a remedy was available in the form of damages in lieu of specific per-formance under the jurisdiction created by Lord Calrus, Act. When the vendor elected in favour of specific performance he elected in favour of specific perelected in favour of specific performance or damages in substitution therefor. He might have the
contract rescinded, but he would
not be permitted to pursue his
remedy in damages at law. It
seemed that the rule in Henty s
Schröder was justified in principle,
The jurisdiction to grant damsees in lieu of specific performance
existed in any case where, when
the proceedings were begun, the
court had jurisdiction to grant
specific performance and continued
norwithstanding that thereafter equitable to make such an award because the plaintiffs themselves had rendered specific performance under the mortgages which re-sulted in the sales by the mort-gagees. But Miss Agnew could not have failed to realize that her failure to complete the contract punctually was at least a major Jurisdiction,
LORD JUSTICE GOFF, concurring, said that it should not
be thought that the rule in Hemy
v Schrüder was in substance obso-

I' schroder was in substance obso-lete because damages undor the Lord Cairns' Act jurisdiction would be allowed almost as "of course". The present was a classic case for such an award. But the cases in which it would be right to award damages would be special and it would have to be shown that in the absence of such relief the disappointed party would suffer prejudice.

Restricted shares to be transferred

In re Ashbourne Investments
Ltd

Before Mr Justice Templeman
His Lordship made an order
that Incentive Investments Ltd
was entitled and bound under
section 209 of the Companies Act,
1948, to acquire 465,500 shares in
Ashbourne Investments Ltd (which
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consent being given, and consent His Lordship made an order that Incentive Investments Ltd was entitled and bound under section 209 of the Companies Act. 1948, to acquire 465,500 shares in Ashbourne Investments Ltd (which it is taking every) housely by a Ashbourne finvestments Ltd (which it is taking over) bought by a Swiss bank for an undisclosed customer or customers, even though the shares are subject to restriction on transfer imposed by the Department of Trade under section 174 of the Companies Act.

The shares were registered in the name of Semuel Montagu & Co (Nominess) Ltd and Incentive had made an offer on May 28, 1976, of 21p cash a share for all the Ashbourne shares.

His Lordship ordered that the purchase price of £97,755 be paid into a bank account and frozen until further order.

Mr W. F. Stubbs for Incentive and Ashbourne; Mr Oliver Wesver for Montagu; Mr P. L. Gibson for the Secretary of State

MR JUSTICE TEMPLEMAN said that ou July 10, 1975, the Secretary of State had appointed inspectors to investigate the affairs and ownership of Ashbourne and

Incentive and Ashbourne were asking that the shares be re-leased from the restriction on transfer and that the £97,755 be retained by Ashbourne on trust

identity of the customar(s) without consent being given, and consent had been refused.

Pursuant to section 174(1), the Secretary of State had made an order restricting the shares registered in the name of Montagu. The first restriction was that any transfer would be void.

Incentive had acquired all the shares of Asinourne, except for the restricted shares which emounted to elightly more than 5 per cent of the issued capital. The proposed nakeover was being frustrated, and loss and inconvenience would be caused to the shareholders of Incentive, unless they could acquire them.

Under section 209(1) of the Companies Act Incentive had become entitled to acquire the shareholders of Incentive had become entitled to acquire the shares at the takeover price, and under section 209(3) incentive and on behalf of lacentive and consent the lacentive and lacentive lacentive and lacentive lacentime lacentime lacentime lacentime lacentime lacentime lacentime lace

Man with two jobs a part-timer

Harper v North West Water Authority

Before Mr Justice Forbes

[Judgment delivered Dec 12]

His Lordship allowing an appeal by Mr Patrick Harper, of Lancaster, against a decision of an industrial tribunal sitting at Manchester, held that alternative employments which had been offered to him by the North West Water Authority at a lower salary than he had received, were not "reasonably comparable with" his lost employment. The tribunal had dismissed his appeal against the authority's refusal to pay him resettlement and long-term compensation. Now he appealed to be undon-term to the court. The issue was what was the relevant employments which Mr Harper had lost. What was it that the functions of two part-time employments were being compared with? The tribunal had dismissed his appeal against the authority's refusal to pay him resettlement and long-term compensation. Now he appealed to be aving fulfilled two posts, then he had been acting part-time in each. If the posts were regarded as separate with The tribunal had been divided on that received, were not "reasonably comparable with" his lost employment. The tribunal had dismissed his appeal against the water authority's refusal to pay ments of the part-time employments bore to each other."

If Mr Harper was regarded as separate, the had been acting part-time in each. If the posts were regarded as separate, which was it that the functions of two part-time employments and been two part-time employments. This Lordship had no hesitation in holding, on the facts, that there were the release of the claim for resettlement and long-term compensation. Now he appealed to him resettlement and long-term compensation. Now he appealed to be the court.

The issue was what was the release were regarded as separated with T The tribunal had lost. What was it that the functions of two part-time employments and regulation 39 applied. His Lordship had no hesitation in holding, on the facts, that there were the release that the functions of two part-time employments are regarded as se refusal of his claim for resettlement and long-term compensation.

The Local Government (Compensation) Regulations, 1974, by regulation 7 provides: "(1) ... the conditions for the payment of resettlement compensation to any person are that ... (f) he has not, ... after the employer either informed him in writing that his employment was to be terminated or was likely to be terminated or gave him written notice of termination of his employment, been offered in writing—(i) any relevant employment which is reasonably comparable with the employment which he as lost. "

similar terms.

Mr Christopher Clarke for Mr Harper; Mr Derrick Furriff for the water authority.

MR JUSTICE FORBES said that Mr Harper had been deputy clerk and treasurer to Lune Valley Water Board until April, 1974, when the board ceased to exist in consequence of the coming into operation of the Water Act, 1973.

He then became finance and administrative officer to the Lune Valley Water Supply Unit at a salary of £6,555 per ammun. In audition the became finance officer to the Lune and South Cumbria to the Lune and South Cumbria to so, has not been affected by salary of 16,555 per annum. In addition the became fluoric officer to the Lune and South Cumbria Effluent Treatment Unit at a salary of £1,103 per annum.

The reason for his holding more than one post was that it was going to take a considerable time before the reorganization under the Act would be completed, and temporary arrangements had had to be made about posts and filling them. It was generally known that the units would eventually be closed. In 1975 interviews were held at Carifole for the job of divisional finance officer for the northern division of the North West Water Authority. Mr Harper attended but was not selected. Subsequently he was offered four alternative posts, none of which carried a salary higher than £6,555. He refused them; and he was dismissed in 1976.

He applied successfully to the industrial pripunal for a redun-

had lost. What was it that the alternative employments were being compared with? The tributual had been divided on that question. The majority view was that Mr Harper had held one principal post and that it was contrary to the spirit of the regulations to regard the "effluent" post as being part of the lost employment. employment.
The minority—the chairman—had taken a courary view: both

had taken a contrary view: both posts were temporary and ceased at the same time and therefore had to be regarded together as the lost employment. On that view, the relevant salary was £7,658.

Regulation 39 had not been mentioned to the tribunal. It provided that "In ascertaining... whether, and how lar, the emoluments of alternative employment fall short of emoluments which have been lost where those emoluments were

had been two part-time employments. In Comparing the lest employment and the alternative employments, one therefore had to perform the apportromment exercise set out in regulation 39.

Had the majority directed their minds properly to the lost employment, they would inevitably have come to the same conclusion as the chairman.

The alternative employments carrying a salary equal to part only of the salary of the lost employment were not "reasonably comparable" with it. Accordingly, the tribunal's decision would be reversed. If the parties failed to which is reasonably comparable which have been said on the case would be remitted lost where those emoluments were to the tributal to award compensation in the case would be remitted to the tributal to award compensation of the alternative employments, the emoluments of the alternative employments of the alternative employments. Solicitors: Oglethorpe. Sturton & Gillibrand, Languster; Mr W. H. Crackle, Warrington.

do so, has not been affected by the House of Lords decision in the American Cyanamid case
([1975] AC 39).
The Court of Appeal allowed an
appeal by Mr Philip Raymond
Solomon, of Fountain House, Park
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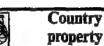
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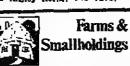
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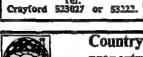
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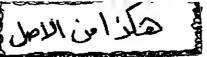
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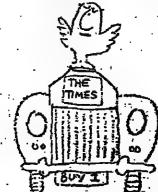
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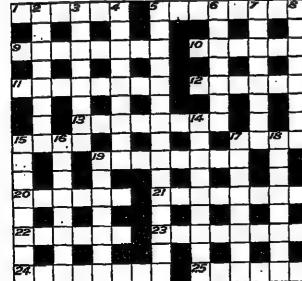
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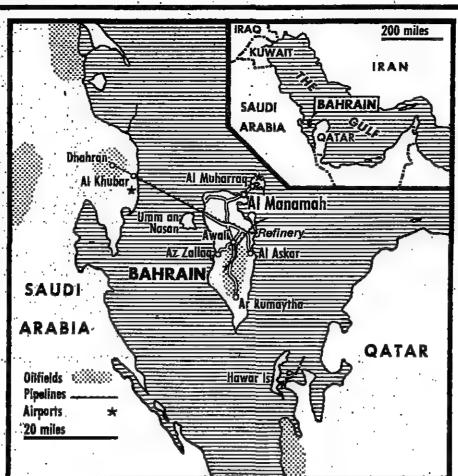
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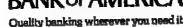
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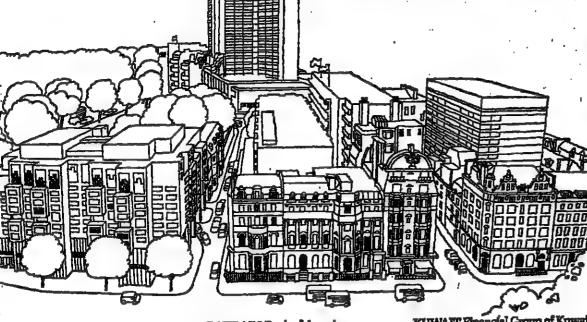
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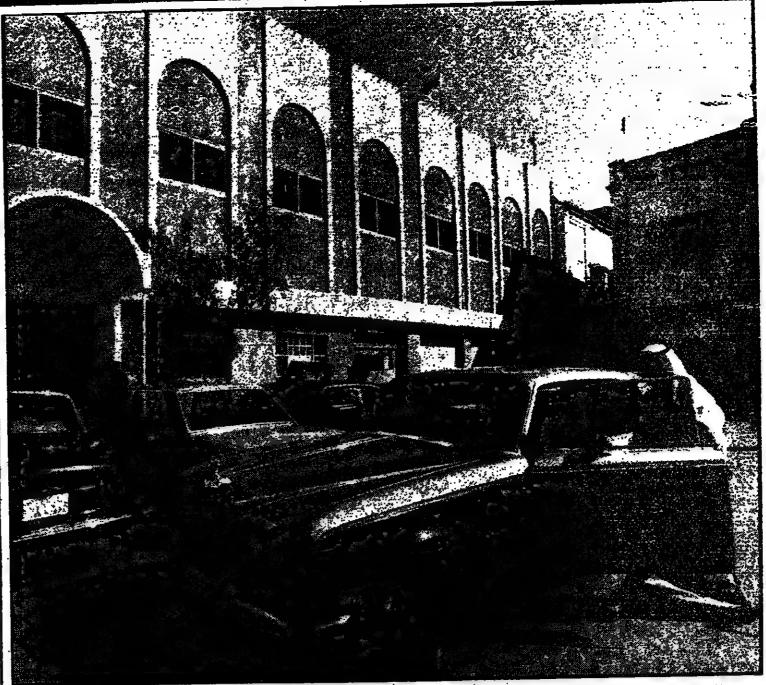


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Rolls-Royces on Al-Manamah : there is keen competition to win a slice of the booming trade.

Politics finds its outlet in business

by Ann Fyfe

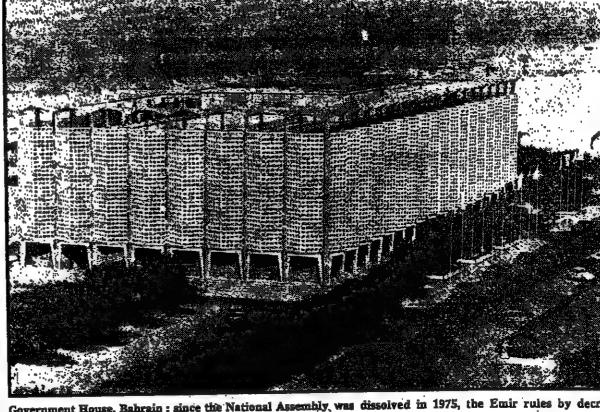
Behrain has a highly educaarticulate population with high material expecta-tions but with no represen-native forum through which to direct its demands since the dissolution in 1975 of the National Assembly. Not that the Assembly turned out to be much of a two-way process has leveloped during two years

Trade, Bahrain's distin-uishing activity, has proved te great shock-absorber in foremost preoccupation. Or, to phrase this basic datum differently, trade mitigates ideological commitment on both side of the seal of the

oth right and left. been concerned with com-merce and employment, the stately corridors of the merce and emphasis of the Chamber of Commerce are in some sense the seat of opposition, in that the merf Government activity. haridaly rule with mercan-

more. Aboriginal farmers and fishermen, established n the archipelago centurie before the arrival of the pre-sent-day ruling classes, are Shigh Muslims and now are areas. Ancestors of the pre-sent Emir arrived in Bahrain from Kuwait and the north imports from the West and by way of Qatar towards the from left-wing and Baathist end of the eighteenth cen-tury and took the islanders and feel as a result that they from their contemporary do not represent deeply-held Persian governors. Since convictions but expressions then the Al-Khalifa have of a invenile distantion with ruled without interruption.

clan was accompanied on its migration by kindred whose chief occupation was com-merce, principally the pearl trade, and these are still found in the largest trading the pursuit of personal ven-establishments. Over the dettas, the Assembly failed Sunsi and Shiah, the latter Right and Left were tabled mostly artisans, have found with demands extending their way to Bahrain. Shiah from the nationaliant past century, large numbers to pass legislation. and Suorei are approximately the oil company to the total evenly balanced numerically. seclusion of women; but
When campaigning for meanwhile bills piled up, inBahrain's first elections in cluding a draft internal
December 1973 began, the security law, which the
dominant merchant elite authorities were anxious to confidently expected to have Assembly. Instead, to their emazement, the voting by adult male suffrage produced of eligible Bahrainis voted and the ballot was secret, the



Government House, Bahrain : since the National Assembly, was dissolved in 1975, the Emir rules by decree.

suasion, including com-munists, and a smaller group platform reflected com-munist teaching sufficiently closely to induce the electorate to identify him as such.

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ted, a generous third were bers and how has govern to lobby for their demands of identifiably left-wing per ment been conducted since Although government attifinential. The island's trade is booming and the aspira-tion of the Bahrainis seems known to exist bowever.

> the Popular Front for the Liberation of Oman, some with Baathist sympathies and support, others communist and others still with extreme religious views. It is for the suppression of these groups that the detention clauses seem that there are political Madani's murderers about the treatment of the accused

Some have affiliations to

Britons still fill the Britons still fill the posts of Director-General of Police and Chief of the Security CID is Jordanian.

intents and purposes govern- tions that reduced employers' ment by emiri decree but contributions for expatriate the European student must, staff. The chamber was also before delivering judgment, learn the basic lesson that in Arab tribal society (however diluted tribal mores may be in advanced Bahrain) one of the ruler's primary men against his own minis-

the Cabinet and is endorsed by Shaikh Isa, whose views

ment of the Bahrainis' living school non-sectarian in interity, insurance and welfare by only one of the two sects. laws have been signed as if to demonstrate that the

interests of the people without the prompting, or the body. Employment and labour conditions are emeng the west important political

fully made their views heard. Often this is done through which recently introduced Government is now to all national insurance regularesponsible for new medical

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will have been made known of Bahrain has been the walks of life, but their views at the consultation stage. Supplishing scission A Euro-must be expressed covertly While older citizens and pean observer finds it difficult to the ruling cult to determine whether family still present their this issue is merely dormant reasonable to conclude, how petitions direct to the ruler and liable to erupt suddenly at this twice-weekly Majlis, or whether, as it appears on it of prosperity has pushed it has been a natural development that others turn in importance.

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The Shigh claim to be the government positions they are noticably few: they have

Generally speaking, the Sunni are better off materi-ally. Religion is not, howacquainted with large-scale, organized strikes.

When laws protecting the worker and improving his worker and improving his worker and improving his worker and improving his such heat in neighbouring ever, the burning issue of worker and improving his such hear in neighbouring environment have proved Gulf countries whose Arab ever, the employers—that is the merchants—have force-fully made their views have forcerather than ideological, questions. The most controversial the cost of living, employment and welfare, in all of fied by means of high goverament expenditure.

To make projections for In a mutshell, the political the future. therefore, the student must begin by askgovernment tightening its ing whether the will and the grip on dissent on the one wherewithal to maintain hand and acting urgently but such a level of spending

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Aluminium the staple of a broad job strategy

by Michael Prest.

since then as a result of the government's efforts.

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By far the most important of the gas turbine stars while the smelter was proposed in the gas turbine stars while the smelter was proposed to create as wide a range of jobs as possible. There is any possible the plant (Alba). By Kaiser Aluminium Bahrain (Alba). By Kaiser Aluminium of the Now the staff is predominating the project was provided in the country's workforce. Balexto is sited in the per cent. Electricity output is now normally enough to which supposed in 1969, partly as a 17 per cent shareholder in expatricines from 16 country's demand for the exploiting natural the original consortium. These have been two main superable country's demand for the country's demand for the country's demand for second manufacturing and last demand for the country's demand for second manufacturing and last demand for the country's demand for second manufacturing and last demand for the country's demand for second manufacturing and last demand for the country's demand for second manufacturing and last demand for the country's demand for second manufacturing and last demand for the country's demand for the

is most proud of its safety trial estates are likely to be record, and has claimed a built on reclaimed land world record of 500,000 man-bours worked without an amah. The Government accident. Unfortunately, hopes that these measures October's safety week, was will attract engineering and marred by a fatal accident. light manufacturing converse Albert orders work and regional exports.

building industry. Some products have already been exported to the UAE. A coating pient came into operation in April. The raw material comes from Alberta

Similar encouragement has Poultry Company went into business. Target production is 22 million eggs a year from 120,000 birds. Another important enterprise is the Bahrain Fishing Company (Bafco). Its net profit for the year ending February, 1977, was ED500,000 1977, was BDS00,000 quarter of (\$1.26m). Bafco has recon (\$128.6m) ditioned its fleer of eight (\$81.2m) trawlers at a cost of months of BD200,000 (\$505,000). In The Go capital 50 per cent to BD681,750 (\$1.7m).

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BD681,750 (\$1.7m).

Power for all these activicus is generated by the old power station at Al-Manamah and a 100-megawatt improve the country's trading position.

Drastic measures end port congestion

For centuries Bahrainis haya

Tupted this pattern.

But in recent years the decline in oil production and the boom throughout. The same able to be six in ports such as construction in the Bahrain in one of the biggest and most important ports in the next year of shaminum in February is comput is to be 3,000 a year of shaminum sions, mainly for the ingentary and service and a ship-repairing and service ship docked for servicing in ship docked for servicing in said a ship-repairing and service ship docked for servicing in

Mine Sulman, about 3.5 km south of Al-Manamah. The opened there in April, 1962.
Two more berths were added of diversifying out of oil interest total to eight. Four more comes, ASRY has a berth are scheduled for construction by the end of 1979, and there are provisional plans here of up to 500,000 tous. e are provisional plans up to 10 more, along

areas. In plan asso envisages a harbour for small concess—by deepening add widening channels—and road access.

A £47m (\$80m) contract for improvements was awarded to Enterprise A. Dodin, Botygues and Bouygues Offshore of France.

The expansion was much needed By September last year delays at Mina Sulman were approaching 60 days, and the shipping conferences were imposing hefty surcharges. Severe congestion persisted into the new year, much to the annoyance of the Government which was worried about that jams caused in other parts of a small economy dependent on imports for even the most Whatever the teath of

basic necessities.

In February, the United cost more than \$300m beckingstom, Arabia and Iranian Ports Conference was asking for a 35 per cent surcharge, the Japan Conference for 40 per cent, and the United states Conference for 30 per school. But with as many as cent, One big problem was cent, One big problem was 50 ships expected next year the extraordinary reluctance of merchants to remove to repay its shareholders, goods from the quayside. It was estimated at the beginmerchants scurrying to claim

taken. New storage space
was found, and 80,000 tons
of goods moved to Isa Town.
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The result was that delays the highest possible fell to 18 days in April, and Mr Youssef Abu nothing by the next month. Shirawi, the Minister It was a remarkable achievement, all the more so as the said:
port authorities calculated rement
that of the 151,712 tons imported through Mina Sulman
Batarai April, only 76,000 tons Bahrain can claim to be the first port in The Gulf, or indeed in Arabia, to solve its congestion. Critics, how-

October, the cusmination of eight years' planning and building. Conceived by the Organization of Arab Petrol-The yard is well-positioned for the beavy tanker traffic which plies The Gulf, being able to take the ships empty

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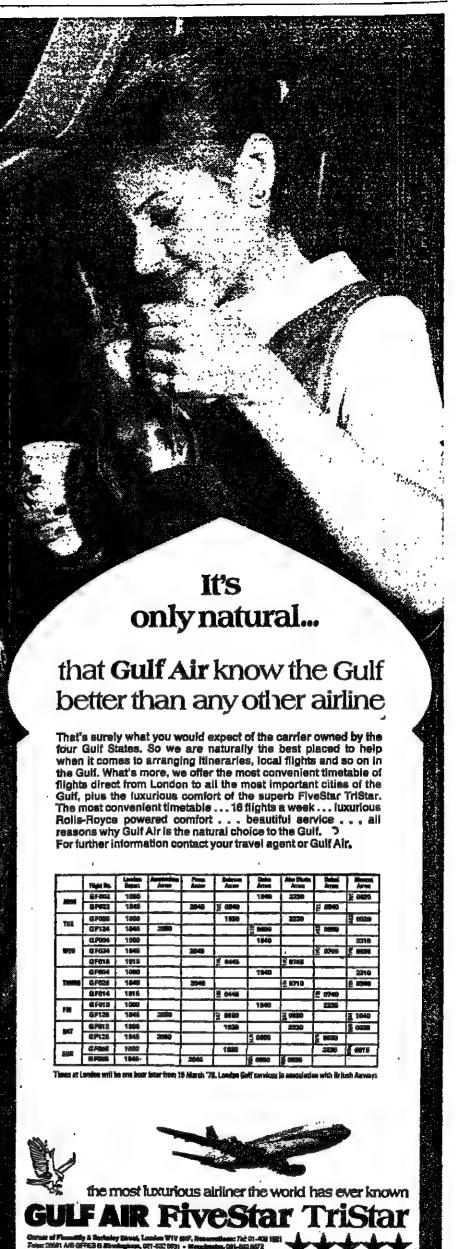
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A contract was signed with profit on its snareholding. Young Jin Enterprises of Eventually the yard and its South Korea to supply 500 industrial complex could emKorean stevedores in place ploy 1,500 workers, mostly of the casual workers then in skilled jobs. The training employed. Technical improvements in handling produce up to 300 graduates equipment, cranes and pala year, with more than 200 electrotron also eased the already qualified. While letization also eased the already qualified. While flow, despite a rise in pro-ASRY begins operations with duction of 31 per cent in about 30 per cent in May over the same time? to raise that proportion to

Mr Youssef Abmad Shirawi, the Minister of Development and Industry, has "It is important to ministry means jobs for Bahrainis." As in other Gulf countries, skilled native that been collected. Sor workers are at a premium, charges were progressively so ASRY could play a vital cut, until now they are all role by providing an indusmost non-existent. economy as a whole, and is reising workers' wages.





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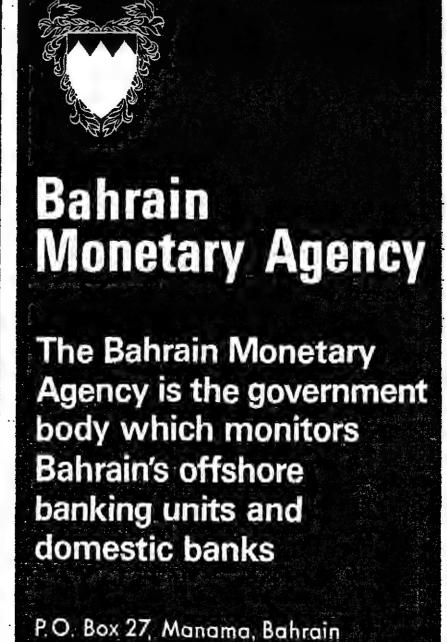
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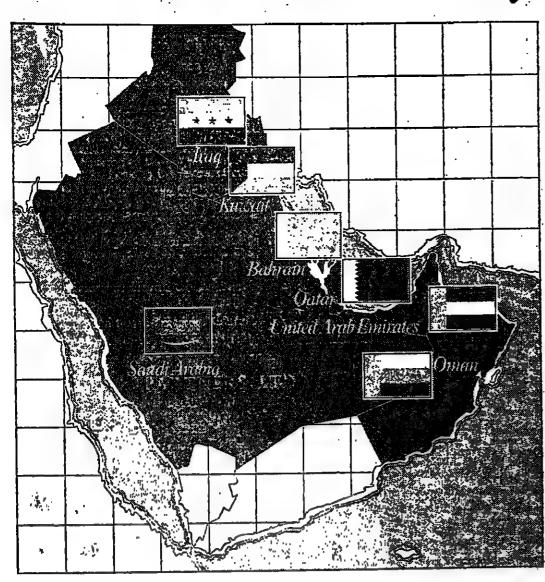
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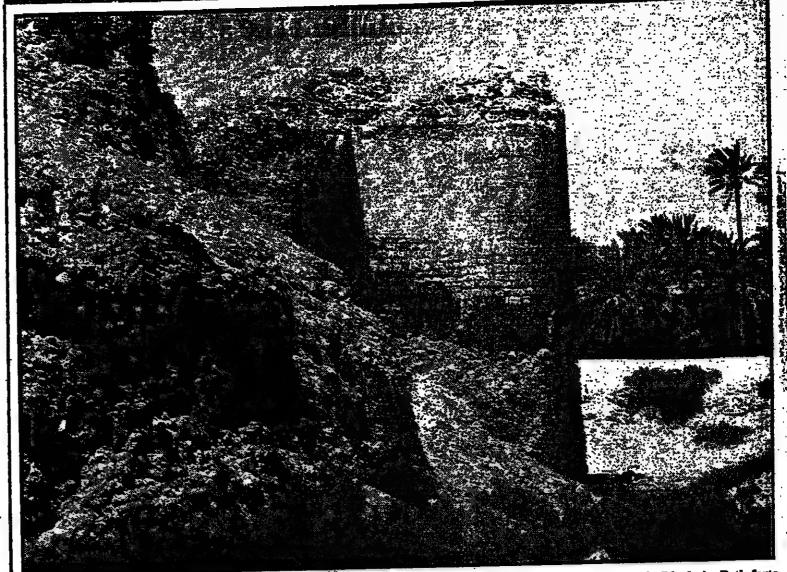
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These rains of this Portuguese fort at Qal'at al Bahraia bear a superficial resemblance to the Zimhabwe ruins in Rhodesia. Both forts were used in the African slave trade.

Philip of Macedon find spurs search for riches beneath the sands

by Patrick O'Leary

nacic attitude to them-inland village of Aali has the biggest tombs, some

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Black smoke rises as you approach the village. This simply means that the local potter is using one of the empty tombs as a kiln for ficing his pots. Others are pressed into service for stone. A strange touch is added by a modern cemetery

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A glimpse of what might be there can be seen among the exhibits in the well-laid-our museum on Al-Muharraq island. Just one of the captain Durand were the captain that the captain better the captain between the captain between the captain group of islands but the captain's character. It men we feel we would like the land is salver and the captain's character. It men we feel we would like the land is salver and the captain's character. It men we feel we would like the land we have the captain's character. It men we feel we would like the land is salver and the captain's character. It men we feel we would like the land is salver and the captain's character. It men we feel we would like the land is salver and the captain's character. It men we feel we would like the land is salver and the captain's character. It men we feel we would like the land is salver and the captain's character. It men we feel we would like the land we have the captain's character. It men we feel we would like the land is salver and the captain group of islands but the captain group of islands b

foil link of a gold chain was found in a grave mound, apparently overlooked by robbers. The museum also has coins bearing the head of Alexander the Great. This famous conqueror, son of Philip of Macedon, intended to subdue Arabia, but died before he could undertake Before described his

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morough 100 or work. Time and again in our work we have discovered new sites for investigation and, on going back to Durand's survey, have found that he was there first, that he had smod

matic and military reconsis-sence. The extracts from his report published in 1889 in The Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society pointed out that Bahrein was vulnerable

to attack from the mainland across the narrow sees. He commented: "From the top of the Jebel Dukhan, or hill of smoke, in the very centre of the island, a perfect view of this ses and the encircing mainland is obtainable, and this, if necessary, could be very easily made use of as a signalling station."

The land is silver

sea is pearl

Philip of Macedon, intended to subdue Arabia, but died before he could undertake the campaign.

To the layman, an archaeologist is a slightly grubby and disturbing figure. He spends much of his time rifling tombs, which seems the ultimate invasion of privacy, then grumbles if he finds grave robbers have been there before him.

He is always suspected of being a treasure hunter, when in fact the broken fragments of a delicate piece of pottery often interest him more than gold or diamonds. Patience is his great virtue as he knits together the outlines of history from broken pots, ruined buildings, fragmentary inscriptions and the contents of rubbish tips.

The blend of scholarship and detective work called for is absorbingly described in Looking for Dilmun, by Geoffrey Bibby. It is an account of excavations carried out in Behrein and other Gulf states for many years by teams of scientists organized by a Danish museum in Aarhus and led by its curator, Professor Peter Vilhelm Glob.

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Mr Bibby paid a graceful field in clay tablets found in the could described an angry streak of purple into the foreground. Before describing his excavation of some mound to the found to whoch, although now desolate enough, has probably ite emed with high life, and under whose dust may possibly, lie the history of countless generations.

He added the warning that although the climate was delightful from October to April, during the other months of the year it would be impossible to work. The rustees of the British moseum were so impressed by Captain Durand's report that they allotted £100 for him to spend on further examination reached Bushire, in what is now Iran, he had been recalled to India.

His most important find was a piece of black besalt rock, apparently the foundation which Sir Henry Rawling in the coundary for the purple into the form of some wind the warning that the instruction reached

fiction. It was so prosperous port of call on the trade route between the cities of Mesopotamia, in what is now

Thousands of still unexplored

logy it was a paredise favoured by the gods which held the secret of etsernal life. Presumably this belief has to do with the 100,000 or 200,000 tombs, a place where even ordinary people were buried with some care.

Captain Durand's inscribed stone was destroyed during the last war, but Sir Henry's searches have produced few objects of intrinsic value so the same time from Dr Peter Bruce Cornwall, an American. He excavated some of the burial mounds in 1943.

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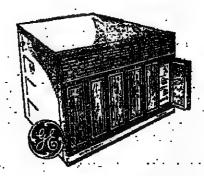
From that contact arose a big series of excavations which at various times inologists from half a dezen countries as well as several hundred workman. Their finds included the remains of three temples, the first dating back to 2500 sc, as Barbar, not far from the present excavation at Direx.

the burial mounds in 1943. are other hazards. One party the burial mounds in 1943. are other hazards. One party of archaeologists, having up by the Danish team after the war, hence the title of and skeleton, left them for closer study the next day. They faund a number of merchants' seals among the Bahraini ruins of a type also discovered in Mesopotamia and Pakistan.

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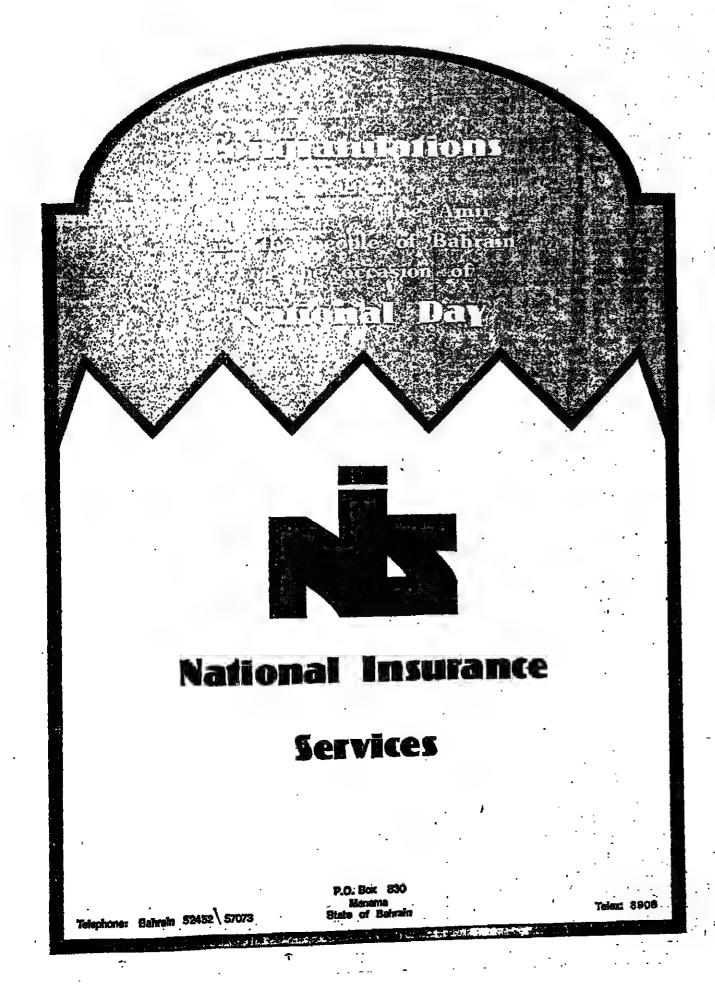
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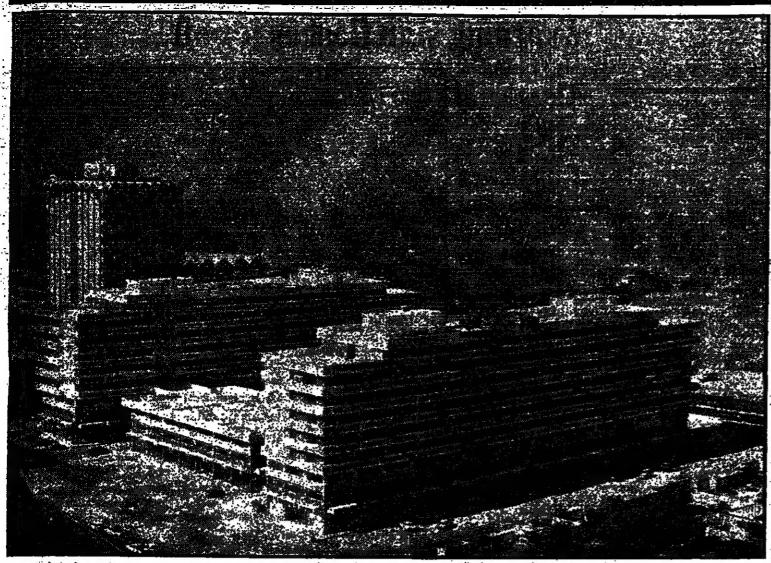
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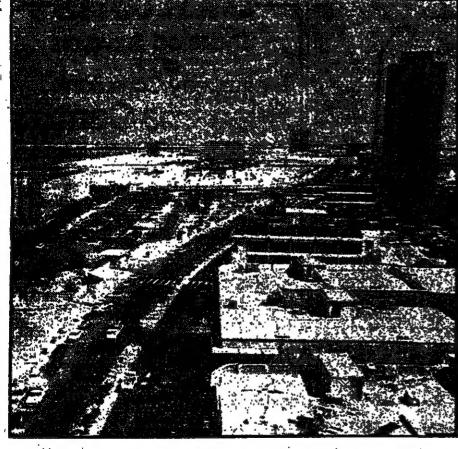
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Centre, a new multi-million pound project comprising three blocks of showrooms

Horror stories arise as buildings go up at feverish rate



and other investors consider their commitments. That, at least, is the view of observers on the spot, though it is difficult to believe when to last. Government which seemed too feverish in central Al-Manamah, but on its considers and in many towns and villages.

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down while banks cent drop in some rents since last year.

(right), nearing comple-tion, already dominates

main that way", a response of special and materials are exbe seen washing their verihigh-class estate where only pensive, and both have frecles beside some of the sweet offered: "Ancient farms,
four out of more than 20 quently to be imported water streams, in defiance of old estates, abandoned
houses had been let. A welEven aggregate comes from notices forbidding the pracchapels, venerable parks,
rome side-effect for exabroad, or when local sand tice. Builders at least have
palaces and manors in Italy
the consolation that cement palaces and manors in Italy sets rapidly in the Gulf and France

climate.

Three or four multi-mislion-pound commercial developments will be testing the
market over the next few months. Al-Manamah Centre, in the heart of the city's business and administrative thoroughfare, Government Road, contains three blocks, offering a total of 300,000 sq ft of showrooms, offices and flats.

One area of construction one area of construction through the limit thriving is in hotels. Thousands of extra bedrooms will be provided over the next two or three years in new blocks, or in additions and removations to existing hotels.

Whether they will all prosper depends on future world trade activity, and on the influence of such developments as the new ship repair

Even modern buildings establishments open their quickly look seedy in a hot doors. climate if paintwork is Non-Arab individuals or climate if paintwork is Non-Arab individuals or

of Cluttons, the London more nomes to five to seven chartered surveyors. Mr years in reduce overcrowd-simon Troughton, the resident manager, said he believed the commercial space achieve such a target. Many would appeal to companies, such as banks, which were expanding and wanted to clearance a complicated promove into bigger and better cess. Also, the population is overwhelmingly wanted and

move into bigger and better cess. Also, the population is premises.

"We believe the down couples marrying now are turn has stabilized in the nor prepared to start their commercial market", Mr joint life in one room hastily Troughton said, "although tacked on to their parents the residential side is still home. But the rent of even volatile." He thought off- a small house can be more shore companies would be cautious about establishing offices in Bahrain, in spite Measures to solve the discount have included the offices in Bahrain, in spite Measures to solve the of recent government moves dilemma have included the

and managing such develop-ments as the Pearl of Behrein building and resi-dential property, the firm has acted for cisents from Scudi Arabia and Kuwait, edvising on investment i

Muberek Building is being fixed out. Inevitably the prime ground floor premises

Some other London agents have followed Debenhan's example in operating in Behrein. But often staff

sq ft of showrooms, ornoes and flats.

Office space is priced at space and the causeway to about £11 a sq ft annual be built between Bahrain rent, and three-bedroom and the mainland. It is said flats at some £1,100 a that a Bahrain hotel-keeper month. In addition tenants regards anything less than have to meet a maincipal tax of 10 per cent on rent, as a bad night, and it seems and at least another 10 per some lowering of expectations and perhaps prices will occur when the Holiday cent service charge.

Service is an important will occur when the Holiday aspect of renting property. Inn. Sheraton, and smaller Even modern buildings establishments open their

neglected or staircases are companies may not own property, but land can be The centre is Rahrama leased from the Government. owned, but letting and man. A Housing kinistry official agement are in the hands said Bahrain needed 15,000 of Cluttons, the London more homes to five to seven





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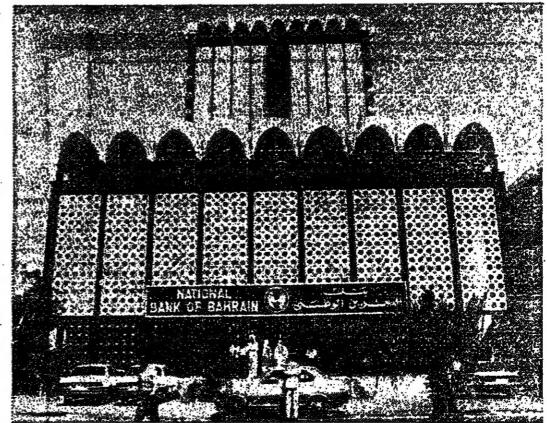
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by Penelope Turing

immediately suggest visual beauty and yet the new arrival will find its pure colours most striking.

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In the bright clear sunshine of a winter day there are few places in the world which can compare with Bahraio's vivid blue of sky,

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Apart from the uncomfortably hot and burnid mooths from July to September the limate is good and healthy.

The Bahrainis are cheer-

Hotels among world's most expensive

Babrain's vivid blue of sky, transparent jade green sea and golden sand. Where irrigation has conjured trees and flowers from the dry soil it is easy to understand that this little group of islands was one of the claimants to have been at least a suburb of the Garden of Eden.

Pearling was its ancient industry, and the first reference to pearls is believed to be an Assyrian inscription of 2,000 B.C. Until the early 1930s pearl fishing remained the chief trade, and one can still see a few of the traditional pearling dhows. They

Romance is almost forgot enough of it, and double is attractive to eye and ten in the bustle of modern bookings and other shocks palate. Much of Bahrain's life, but Bahrain is a pleasoccur from time to time, business entertaining is done sant place. It is not and is However the situation is not in the hotels.

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The Delmon Hotel is best placed for most business visitors as it is in the centre of Al-Manamah's commercial and banking district. It is well run and equipped with well run and equipped with There are various special pleasant rooms, swimming services for businessmen use of expensed generally efficient Arabic translation service and tertiar production.

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The Bahrain Hilton is about 10 minutes walk from the commercial centre and close to the British Embassy. This is a handsome, huxurious establishment with a patio around the swimming pool where on Sunday even-ings barbecues are held from April to November. Its 188 rooms are to be in-creased to 300 in 1978.

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Warning sign flashes for oil

6.30. Banking hours are 7.30 am to 12.20 pm Satur-

day to Wednesday and 7.30 Output is now about to 11 on Thursday. All are closed on Friday.

Output is now about 55,000 barrels a day—one of the lowest in the Middle East—and is kept at that modest level only by the use of expensive secondary and tertiary methods of

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Work starts early with most offices opening as am. Shops stay open from 8 am to 1.30 ym and 3.30 to 6.30. Banking hours are

> Secret deals dominate early days

of local press reports and the decline from becoming companies could not deve-the Official Gazette. Behind and beyond the modern façade there is still much of Bahrain's ancient history to be employed. Large areas of the main island are dotted with pre-historic grave mounds. There is the ruined Bahrain fort built by the Portuguese 400 years ago, and the Suq allar Khamis Mosque is the oldest in The Gulf. Craftsment to make the international history conters, weavers and boat builders can still builders can still be seen at their traditional work, and there is an excellent museum near the airport which shows the whole

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Readers have to settle for a chapter

by Patrick O'Leary

Up-to-date books about Babrain are thin on the ground. devote one chapter to the

published is The Gulf States by Croom Helm). It is written Another offers advice on in lively style, and has the gardening in a climate where advantage of being illustrated by the Australian

She has some perceptive edvice for businessmen toping to break into Gulf markets. Her references to Australian imports is a reminder that Bahrain looks East as well as West for trade links. For the benefit bachelors, Christine Board's Bahrain edition of Osborne points out that the Hints to Businessmen is re-

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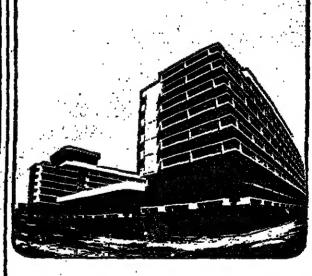
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Development bond satisfies main needs

by Ann Fyfe

Attracting foreign exchange generating employment Bahrainis are the two actors governing finance policy. Both budget and vis-ble trade balance are in deficit, though to a smally amount, but it is politically unthinkable to cut back government spending in this country of high expec-

That is the underlying reason for the direction reason for the direction which the search for diversified revenue sources has taken—the direction of welcoming foreigners in large

Total state revenue is shown in the 1977 budget as BD235m (about £335m) of which oil provides BD150m.
Oil output declined in 1976 compared with the previous year and will continue to fell consistently. Spending, on the other hand, rose to BD249m and it must be assumed that for political reasons government spendings. reasons government spend-ing cannot be reduced sig-nificantly in the near

The need therefore is for The need therefore is for sources of revenue other than oil and aid. The latter added up to slightly less than BD41m in 1977, mostly from the neighbouring OAPEC states of Saudi Arabia, kuwait and the United Arab Emirates. Bahrain's proximity to these states has to be borne in mind in an evaluation of the island's economic prospects.

Bahrain's first develop-ment bond, issued in the summer, satisfied three main needs. First and foremost it raised money for development projects, but it also supplied a safe invest-ment for the embryonic institutional investors—the private and the new state

ment's credit rating.

Attracting foreign tries: this sizable debit on exchange is the motive the invisible account perhelial most of the state's haps being balanced by ingeneral policy of encouraging large foreign companies from neighbouring countries and particularly offshore in the form of property insulaterial decree, offshore companies of other kinds as into bond issuing for overmell. Mr Alan Moore, Bahrain have as their aim the 1977 budget under a raim, but throughput last the offshore described in 1976, before floated in 1977, two for have now been introduced is the difference between

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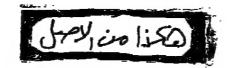
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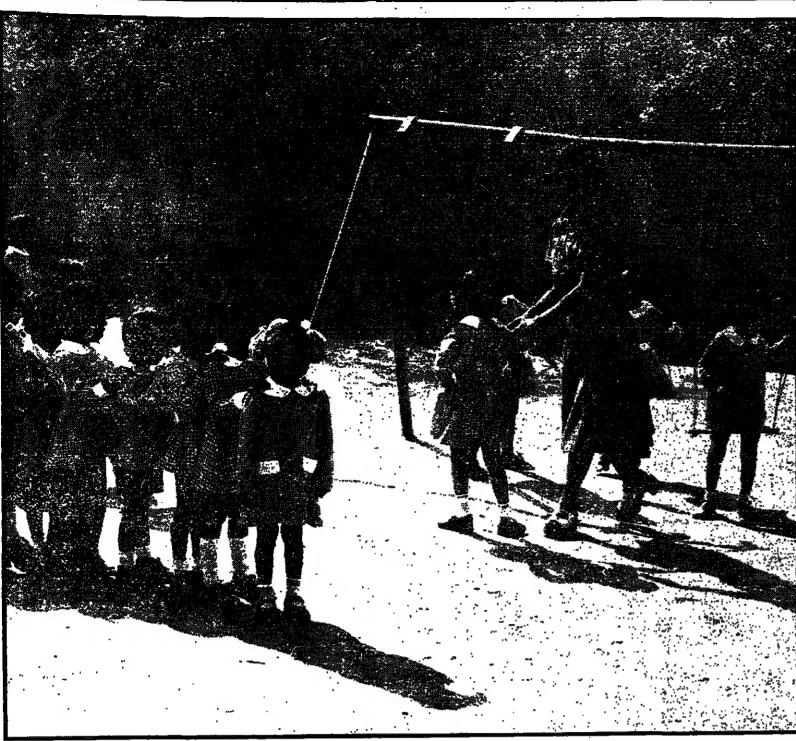
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Refinements for the sport of emirs

by Patrick O'Leary

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unusual to see a hooded bird carried through the streets of Al-Manaman on

sent races between Arab horses, and sometimes camels, take place on a sandy track at Saafra, some miles from the new site.

Advice about the project has been given by Britain's Jockey Club, and other countries have been consulted. A delegation from the supreme council of the Equestrian Club spent 12 days in Australia last month.

On his return Mr.

Because the birds have to be protected from strong as unlight, the house hes east to west, with outside windows only on the north wall. On the other side are way glass to prevent the falcons knowing they are under scrutiny. An American the supreme council of the expert will advise on the falcons in Australia last month.

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On his return Mr ful looks but has little work to do. Packs of these dogs director general of the club, and heres, but such game is

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expects it will be possible to hold races in December now, and we hope to have next year, even if the whole project is not completed. He is no: a racing man himself: "I am an industrial rying out fitness tests on architect, and have only students. Do they perhaps ever been to three or four race meetings."

Water supply plays an essential part in providing the twin tracks. The soil is fertile, but only plant process of f2Im being content with a steady supply of Saudi Arabia. There will be pure water will keep the grass in good shape.

Arab stock has played an important part in the denarional competitions and velopment of Western for matches against visiting thoroughbreds from the international teams. Target seventeenth century. The date for completion is 1980. Jockey Club hopes



Arabs like to show off their hunting falcons, carried

Sharaf Ahmed Al-Alawi, director-general of the club, said: "There will be two tracks, each 20 metras wide, because racing will take place each week in winter." "The course will be one and a half miles round, with a six-furlous straight. It, will have 500 stables, with a show imping course, riding school and polo pitches; the complex will also include an 18-hole golf course. It will be open to family membership." Mr Al-Alawi said the cost of the whole project. was likely to be about \$f5.5m. The races would be for Arab-bred horses, which are noted for long distance running, whereas the such as first membership races for Briests and a finglish thoroughbred is generally rared best over distances of five furlous to two miles. Mr Al-Alawi said: "There may be invitation races for Briests and and English about both Arab and English broughty is the best." Mr Al-Alawi said: "There may be invitation races for Briests and and the waters and architects are participating of the Supreme Council is headed by the Crown Prince. All the ministries concerned architects are participating of the Supreme Council is headed arms of their hunting falcons, carried and bare both fall takes, but such game is sometimes to deserted a pack carriers in the lisland, a role of sports such as fall and they are not used as pack carriers on the size of sports such as fishing. For the Bahrain is one of the girls have on the project. Was likely to be about gainest and the such of pack the project of the whole project. Was likely to be about gainest and the such of pack the project of the whole project. Was likely to be about gainest and the was provided and the water. Tennis and east contract of the work of the such pack the project of the whole project. Was likely to be about gainst horoughly and some projects of the work of the such pack the pack the packet of the such packets. The packets of the work is a pack carriers on the such packets and such packets and the water. Tennis and the such of packets and the water. Tennis and the such packets BAHRAIN **BUILDING BRANCH**

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